

The Hongkong Telegraph

(ESTABLISHED 1861)

69025 壹拜禮號貳廿月十亥港香 MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1919.

日壹月登十 SINGLE COPY: 10 CTS. \$36 PER ANNUM.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AUSTRIA'S FOOD SHORTAGE.

GERMANS FAIL TO OBSERVE ARMISTICE DEMANDS.

London, December 16.
In the House of Commons, questioned regarding the economic condition of Austria, Mr. Harmsworth admitted that unless further arrangements were made there would be no food in Austria after January 31.

Mr. Churchill further announced that all guns and aircraft laid down in the Armistice had been handed over by Germany, also that an overwhelming proportion of the railway material was still undelivered, the deficiency being 42 locomotives and 4,760 waggons.

AN APPEAL.

London, December 17.
A letter, signed by Field Marshal Lord Haig, Lord Horne, Lord Cavan, Mr. Asquith, Lord Robert Cecil and others, appeals for support to the fund for the relief of distress in Vienna, where "the lack of food and clothing is causing death and permanent enfeeblement on an appalling scale. The hospitals are threatened with closing owing to lack of food, fuel and medical stores."

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

PREMIER ON THE GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

London, December 17.
Addressing a conference of builders called with a view to solving the housing problem, Mr. Lloyd George emphasised that it was the Government's business to render impossible the exploitation of social needs. He announced that numbers of young builders were being released from the Army to make up the deficiency in the trade with a view to increasing output.

Mr. Lloyd George said plans had been prepared for half a million sites for houses. Three hundred thousand such sites had already been purchased. Private builders had secured sites for scores of thousands of houses. The Government hoped to decontrol building materials in the New Year. Luxury building must be temporarily discouraged. At least 200,000 more building hands were wanted.

EMPIRE AERIAL ROUTES.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT PLANS.

London, December 17.
During the House of Commons debate on the Air Force Vote, Mr. Churchill said £50,000 had been assigned for accommodation of stations on the aerial route to Egypt and India. This was only a beginning. In connection with the aerodromes required for Cairo, Baghdad and Karachi, which was the most important section of the route from England to Australia, there would probably be eight or nine squadrons distributed between Cairo, Baghdad and Karachi. It would be most convenient to allow civil flying in this section, which would have a most remarkable effect in buckling the Empire together, because of the saving of time in flying to Australia.

FILMS OF PRINCE'S CANADIAN TOUR.

London, December 17.
The Albert Hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience, their Majesties and other Royalties being present, on the occasion of the first exhibition of films of the Prince of Wales' Canadian tour. The High Commissioner for Canada, presiding, dwelt on the wonderful personality of the Prince and the enormous success of the tour, emphasising the undeviating loyalty of Canada to the Empire and Crown.

BONUS TO COTTON OPERATIVES.

UNIONS STILL DISSATISFIED.

London, December 17.
The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners has decided that its members distribute bonuses ranging from £3 to £9 in the course of the next three months among 150,000 employees according to ages and sexes, involving the disbursement of £1,500,000. The grant is attributed, primarily, to the unexampled prosperity of the cotton industry. Two of the leading Operatives' Unions have decided that the proposals are in every way unsatisfactory and that the offer was prompted by the Unions' steps in that connection.

JAPANESE COLONISATION.

A LECTURE IN LONDON.

London, December 17.
Doctor Inazo Nitobe, of the University of Kyoto, lectured to the Japan Society on Japanese colonisation. He said he was firmly convinced that Japan was the steward on whom had developed the gigantic task of uplifting the Far East and dwelt on the importance of sympathetic methods in colonization. It would be highly interesting to an English student to watch the development of Korea as a Wales or an Ireland.

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS.

IMPORTANT HIGH COURT DECISION.

London, December 17.
An important decision was given by the High Court to-day. The question was whether the Customs Consolidation Act of 1876, empowering prohibition of importation of arms, ammunition "or any other goods," empowered the Government to exclude all imports.

Mr. Justice Banker answered the question negatively, holding that the words quoted dealt with goods of the same class as those mentioned. He decided that the Government was not empowered to prohibit certain imports of ordinary peace-time trade and any Proclamation purporting to do so was illegal and invalid.

THE AMRITSAR TROUBLE.

London, December 16.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Donald Maclean, Mr. Montagu said he quite appreciated the profound disturbance of public opinion owing to reports of occurrences at Amritsar, cabled on December 14 (Cheera), but he urged that an impartial and authoritative pronouncement by the Committee of Enquiry should be awaited. He hoped the Committee's finding would be available without unnecessary delay. It was most difficult to state the exact casualties, but he looked to the Committee to give authoritative figures.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AERIAL SERVICES.

BIG BRITISH SCHEMES.

London, December 17.
Important British airship developments are pending, according to the *Globe*. The aviation firms of Messrs Vickers, Beardmore and Shorts have practically amalgamated and a number of shipping magnates are associated with them. It is stated that the famous Trans-Atlantic airship R.34 and the R.39, now being constructed in Scotland, will be acquired and altered to carry passengers and cargo.

It is understood that a series of passenger and goods services in Britain and to Scandinavia and Holland will be first organised, after which a demonstration flight from London to Egypt will probably be run. A weekly airship service to America is also contemplated, but this is unlikely for a considerable time.

"BLACK ROD" DEAD.

London, December 17.
The death is announced of Admiral Sir Henry Frederick Stephenson, G.C.V.O., who has been Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod since 1904.

THE SUPPRESSED NEWSPAPER.

WRIT ISSUED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

London, December 17.
In the House of Commons, Mr. MacPherson announced that the proprietors of *Freeman's Journal* had issued a writ against the Government.

FOOD CONTROL.

London, December 17.
In the House of Commons, the Food Controller said the supervision of food supplies would be necessary for at least three years.

PRINCE OF WALES.

GOING TO AUSTRALIA IN MARCH.

London, December 17.
The Prince of Wales, presiding at a meeting of the King Edward VII Hospital Fund, announced that he was going to Australasia, probably in March, and expected to be absent from England for six or seven months.

ON FOREIGN SERVICE.

London, December 17.
It is announced at Aldershot that five battalions are going to Egypt, seven to the Rhine and eleven to the plebiscite areas, probably in January.

THE FRENCH LOAN.

Paris, December 17.
Le Matin says the French Loan in Britain will not be issued before March.

THE NEW BELGIUM.

ABANDONMENT OF NEUTRALITY.

Brussels, December 16.
The *Independence Belge* declares that Belgium has formally abandoned her neutrality, which she no longer desires to retain.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

B. & S. SHIP ABLAZE AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, December 20.
At midnight a fire started on Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's steamer *Foochow*, which was docked at Pootung. It was identical with the fire on the *Yosang*. Both ships were carrying jute to Dairen and both fires were in number one hold. Damage to the extent of \$40,000 has been caused to cargo by the fire on the *s.s. Foochow*.

THE RICE SITUATION.

Singapore, December 20.
A message states that Batavia and Saigon have been permitted rice export until to-day on condition of silver or gold payment. The exportable crop from Rangoon is 500,000 tons lower than former years. The rice situation in Siam has never been so bad and it is extremely probable the country may even be compelled to import rice.

SINGAPORE'S IMPERIAL CONTRIBUTION.

Singapore, December 20.
A meeting of the Legislative Council at Singapore decided that the contribution to the Imperial Government be brought up to £1,000,000, including the sum of £200,000, voted in 1916 and including the military contribution.

H.M.S. HAWKINS AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, December 21.
Admiral Duff arrived here on H.M.S. *Hawkins*. He was met at Johnston's pier by Mr. Sherwood on behalf of the Office Admiralty. The *Be d* and a Guard of Honour from the South Staffs Regiment attended. His Excellency proceeded to Government House.

LOCAL STEAMER ASHORE.

SALVAGE PARTY LEAVES HONGKONG.

Of late, quite a number of steamers have gone ashore whilst on the run south to Haiphong, and this experience has now befallen the China Navigation Company's *s.s. Kaifong*. She was bound from Pakhoi to Haiphong, and has become stranded about 35 miles north of Lao Tao Island.

Whether the mishap is due to rough weather or fog is not at present known. The vessel is believed to have about eight feet of water in her, her engine-room being flooded. Captain Jones is the master.

This morning the tug *Taitoo*, in charge of Captain Griffiths, left for the scene of the accident, taking down a salvage party and the necessary equipment for getting the vessel off.

A report also reaches us that a Japanese steamer is lying off Amoy with a broken propeller shaft, but we have been unable to obtain any details.

THE SHIPPING STRIKE.

OWNERS AGREE TO ARBITRATION.

The Shipping Strike is over, and has resulted, as everyone expected, in a victory for the men. The point that they demanded—that the whole matter should be submitted to an impartial Arbitration Board—has been gained.

The acceptance on the part of the Shipowners' Protection Association of this demand came suddenly on Saturday afternoon, following, we understand, pressure brought to bear by the Government. The Guilds concerned received a letter from the Association agreeing to arbitration and a meeting of the members of the Guilds—largely attended—resolved, with this point gained, to declare the strike off. Cheers were given for the Secretaries of the two Guilds, Captain D'Oliveira and Mr. W. J. Stokes. A feature of the strike has been the solidarity of the men and the officials of the Guilds express their admiration at the manner in which the men acted in unison.

On Sunday morning an incident arose that threatened the agreement of the men to resume work. A Chinese company, operating some river steamers, intimated its intention of giving up its passenger licence and dispatching a ship without the officers who had been on strike. As the men's agreement to resume work included the re-instatement of officers and engineers concerned, a meeting of the Guilds was hastily convened yesterday afternoon to consider the matter. Happily, it was announced that the company had agreed to employ the men, at least until after the award of the Arbitration Board. All the men who were on strike have now resumed work, and by to-day the running of the ships will be back to normal.

The Arbitration Board will consist of three impartial arbitrators, whose appointment has to be approved by the parties concerned.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 7.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—7.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 7.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—7.15 p.m.

LOCAL AVIATION.

THE SUGGESTED HONGKONG-SHANGHAI SERVICE.

INTERVIEW WITH COL. SMALLWOOD.

In a previous report we gave some opinions on forthcoming developments in connection with aviation in this Colony. This morning a representative of this paper succeeded in getting into touch with Lt. Col. H. St. Clair Smallwood, the China representative of Messrs. Handley Page and Company, who is actively engaged in the aerial enterprises of China among which is the contemplated Hongkong-Shanghai service.

Lt. Col. Smallwood informed our representative that his object in coming to Hongkong is to interest local business men in the scheme, which will become an established fact once the conditions which at present restrict aviation are removed by the adoption of the Aerial Convention by the Chinese Authorities. Aviation in China including Hongkong will receive a fillip when the Convention, now in course of promulgation by the Chinese Government, is adopted.

To an enquiry regarding the local scheme in which Messrs. Loxley and Co., as the local agents for Messrs. Handley Page, are engaged, Col. Smallwood said that the Peking Syndicate, which is a British concern, and acts as the China Agents for the Handley Page machines, recently brought out six large aeroplanes for the Chinese Ministry of Communications. These machines being thus disposed of could not be made use of for the Hongkong scheme, but Col. Smallwood has written to Messrs. Handley Page in England for one of those machines which he termed "flying boats." These machines, which are technically called the Norman Thompson aeroplanes, are quite distinct from the ordinary ones in that they are monster affairs capable of carrying from 20 to 30 passengers. The horse-power ranges from 160 to 700. In the latter case the boats are fitted with twin engines. The chief feature which distinguishes this class of aeroplanes is that in place of the ordinary landing wheels, the bottom is fitted with a keel resembling that of surface vessels, which makes the boat suitable for a coastal route such as that between Hongkong and Shanghai.

"It is possible that before long an exhibition of aviation may take place in Hongkong if the communication I have sent to Messrs. Handley Page is productive of the required results," said Col. Smallwood. "It is understood that the Hongkong Government will raise no objection to the service if it is carried out by British machines. The most likely route is between Hongkong and Shanghai. It is highly desirable that Hongkong, Canton, Amoy, Swatow, Shanghai, and other centres of commerce be connected by air. Before this is possible the laws governing aviation now being promulgated by the Chinese Government should be made public. The Aerial Convention of England and the Allies which has been adopted in principle by the Peking Government, and my recommendations on the subject in its application to China, are in course of translation into Chinese. Until the regulations which prohibit aviation over certain areas in China are made known, aerial routes over China cannot be established. Our scheme will therefore have to wait until the announcement is made."

"What are the developments in aviation at the moment?" our representative asked.

"The tendency of inventions," Col. Smallwood replied, "is to produce machines which do not require much space to land. This would be of great advantage in crowded landing places. Probably some modification of the Handley Page system will make this possible. The present aeroplanes have their landing gear fixed in front."

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 54-1/2.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast:—fine. Barometer—30.21. Temperature 2 p.m.—63. Humidity 2 p.m.—63.

FIGHT ON FOOTBALL FIELD.

A UNIVERSITY STUDENT STABBED.

A very unpleasant incident has to be recorded in the football match between the St. Joseph's College and South China on Saturday, a Portuguese student of the Hongkong University being stabbed in the chest by some of the spectators.

It appears that D. Remedios and Gutierrez, both University students, were spectators of the match. After the St. Joseph's had scored two goals the Chinese players became more determined in their resolve not to accept defeat. Hyndman, one of the players for the St. Joseph's, played a fine game, taking the ball successfully from one end of the field to the other. Gutierrez cheered Hyndman, and one of the Chinese spectators from behind said to him: "You shut up or else I will slap you." At the other end of the field also there seemed to have arisen some dispute. One of the South China players cried out "Tai" and immediately a swarm of Chinese spectators flooded the field, a free fight ensuing. In the melee Remedios was hit from behind with a wooden shoe which cut his ear very badly. He was trampled down, but after a few minutes was helped up. He did not take his injury seriously and repaired home, where he complained of pain near the heart. On examination it was found that he had been stabbed by a penknife. The wound was one-and-a-half inch in depth.

He was removed to the Tung Wah Hospital where he lost consciousness, and it was found that his pulse was beating very slowly. His ear was stitched. He is now improving.

It is believed that three more spectators were severely assaulted.

The Helicopter system endeavours to fit the screw on the top of the plane, which would make it possible for the machine to remain stationary in the air and descend to its landing place in a vertical instead of a diagonal line.

"The advantages accruing from the establishment of the Hongkong-Shanghai scheme are obvious. No country is better suited for aviation than China, for I find that almost everywhere it is possible to land."

Col. Smallwood had served through the whole of the war first as a cavalry officer in the Indian Army, and later in the Royal Air Force as reconnaissance officer. He was rendered unfit for further active service by a fracture of the skull sustained in an aeroplane accident, and was placed on the staff of the Aerial Ministry. His connection with the Handley Page Co. dates from June of this year. His knowledge of aviation, taken advantage of by the Chinese, who in July sent him off to China to act as technical adviser to the Peking Staff. In this connection he was with the Chinese Government he was responsible in laying an aerial route across the Desert to Urga, the capital of Mongolia.

Col. Smallwood will be accompanied by his Chinese representative, Mr. D'Oliveira, who is a member of the Peking Staff.

NOTICES

THE RED HAND COMPOSITIONS LIMITED, LONDON.

Contractors to the Admiralty, India Office, War Office, Crown Agents for the Colonies, &c.

"THE RED HAND BRAND."

Antifouling Compositions for Ships' Bottoms, Antislave Paints, Ready mixed, for all purposes.

Supplies available from:

DODWELL & CO. LTD. SOLE AGENTS.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

New Scheme for Children's Early Endowment:—
Principal features: Small Premium, Liberal Surrender Value, No Medical Examination, Return of Premium in the Event of Death, and Numerous Options at the Age of 25.
WRITE FOR PAMPHLET AND FULL PARTICULARS TO DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO. ESTABLISHED 1883. MANUFACTURERS OF PURE MANILA ROPE

3 STRAND 1 1/2 to 1 3/4" CIRCUMFERENCE
CABLE LAID 5" to 15" CIRCUMFERENCE
4 STRAND 3" to 10" CIRCUMFERENCE

Oil Drilling Cables of any size up to 3,000 feet in length. Prices, Samples and full particulars will be forwarded on application. SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers.

XMAS GIFTS KODAKS

of every description.

A. TACK & CO. 20, Des Vaux Road, Ctl.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net. In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 16th August, 1916.

HONGKONG JAPANESE MASSAGE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. U. SUGA Mrs. A. SUGA 8 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

METALS

of all kinds, especially for ship-building and engineering works. Largest and best assorted stock in the Colony.

SINGON & CO.

(Established A. D. 1840.) HING LUNG ST. Phone 515

MEE CHEUNG PHOTOGRAPHER.

FOR ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS CALL AT ICE HOUSE STREET OR RING UP 1015.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION No. 1 THERAPION No. 2 THERAPION No. 3

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]
BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

London, Dec. 15.
Mr. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Food, addressing a conference of Labour members of local Food Committees, said there would be serious shortage of essential foodstuffs in 1920. Butter was almost disappearing and experts predicted that 1920 would be the most critical year since the war. As regards butter and cheese, supplies of these from Australia were certain to decrease owing to drought. The supplies of tea had decreased though consumption had increased. There was no prospect of the world's supplies of sugar balancing the demands. There was a surplus of meat in Britain at present but there would be a world shortage in 1920. There were at least three million tons less in Europe than before the war. More meat would arrive in the Thames next quarter than they would know what to do with, owing to shipments from Australasia. Restrictions on consumption had been released to prevent this meat being wasted, because the cold storage was inadequate. He said the cold storage in Britain was 42,000,000 cubic feet, compared to 700,000,000 in the United States. Essential was the re-control of bacon, because prices had bounded up and the bacon deteriorated when the control was removed.

BRITISH EMPIRE FEDERATION.

London, Dec. 15.
Speaking at the annual meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, Mr. Balfour said he believed the partnership in the great perils, great sacrifices and great acts of our heroes would act as a bond of the glorious memories between different parts of the Empire for all time.
The speaker announced that he hoped to send a delegation of British members of Parliament to India next winter. Referring to the work of the Devolution Committee the Speaker trusted that before many months he would be able to submit a scheme of devolution which would be the first step towards a Federation of the British Empire which, however, was still a long way off.

London, Dec. 16.
Lord Burnham, speaking at the Empire Parliamentary Association, intimated that the Speaker would retire shortly. He anticipated that twenty battalions from England would be distributed over Egypt, and the Rhine plebiscite area early in January.

CANADA'S PREMIER.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.
The press announces Sir Robert Borden's intention to retire on 1st January owing to failing health. A conference with his followers will be summoned to choose a successor. Owing to overwork at the Peace Conference Sir Robert Borden was compelled to take a rest two months ago. He spent six weeks at Virginia Hot Springs, but while he experienced some benefit the resumption recently of the cares of office caused a partial relapse and for the past fortnight he has suffered from insomnia and his physicians forbade him to continue work, and as the seasonal preparations involve close application on the part of the leader of the Government Sir Robert Borden has concluded to retire.

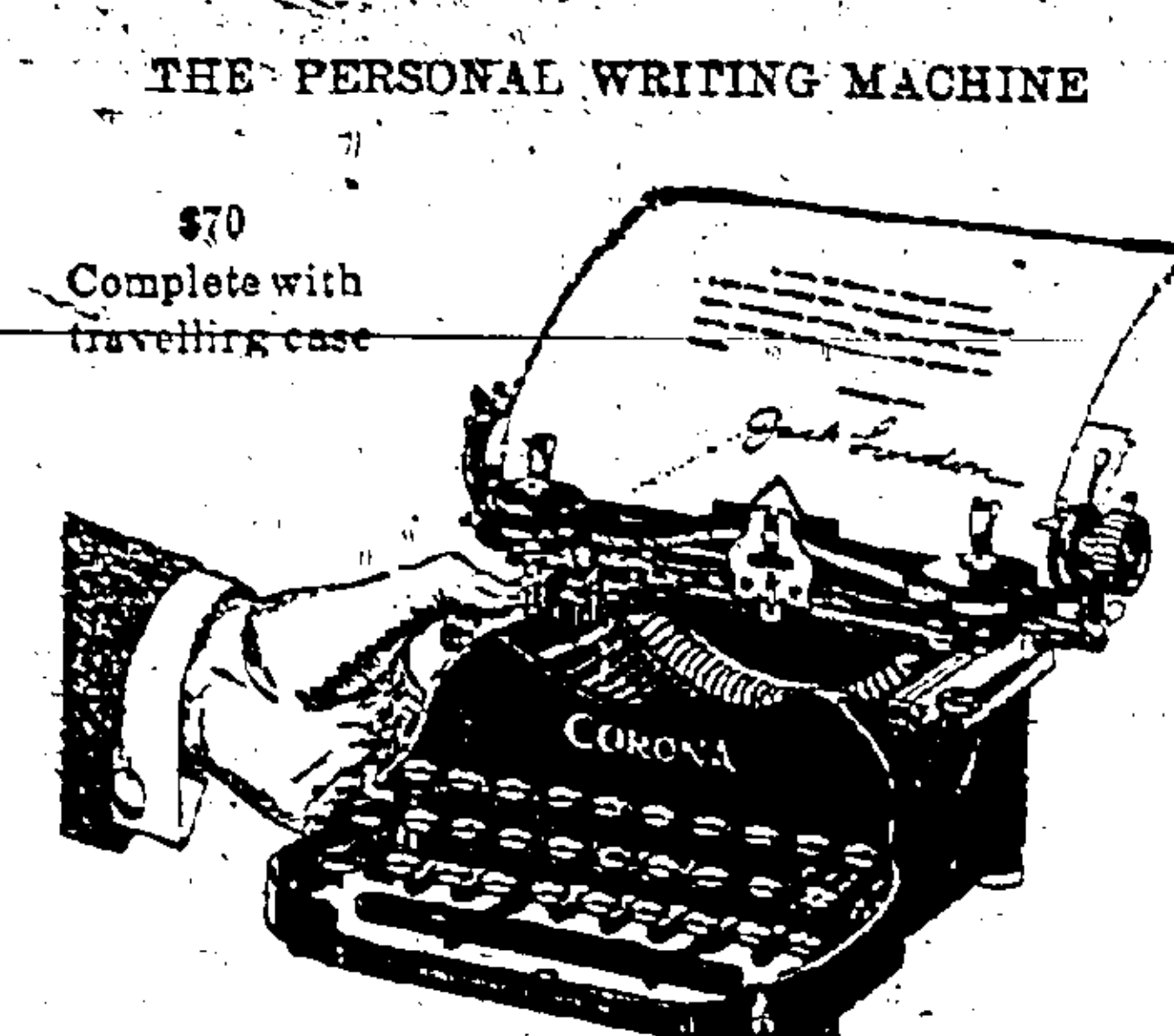
VISCOUNT GREY.

London, Dec. 15.
Replying to Mr. McKenzie-Wood Mr. Lloyd George confirmed that the Government has granted Viscount Grey's request to return from Washington to discuss important questions with the Government.

THE IRISH BILL.

London, Dec. 15.
Mr. Lloyd George has announced that he will outline the Irish Bill on the 22nd., but the Bill will not be introduced this Session.

NOTICE



CORONA
THE PERSONAL WRITING MACHINE
\$70
Complete with travelling case
ALEX ROSS & CO.
25, Des Vaux Road Ctl. Phone 27

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Berlin, Dec. 13.
The German reply to the Allied note was sent to Paris last night.

Paris, Dec. 14.
The German reply to the Allied note has been received. Hitherto there is no indication of its contents.
The German reply has been received by the German delegation and is being translated. It will probably not be handed to the Secretariat General until 15th Dec.

London, Dec. 15.
Essential extracts of the German reply note have been published in Berlin. They show that the reply is extremely conciliatory. It denies that an amendment of the Treaty has been requested owing to the United States' absence from the Commission and withdraws the objections to the final paragraph of the protocol in view of the explanation of the Allied attitude. As regards Scape Flow it contends that the Allies have misconstrued von Trotha's letter and says von Reuter's action was due to a misapprehension of the situation, but declares readiness to provide reparation for the sinkings. It emphasises the extent of the Allies' demands hereabout but notes their offer of consideration previously cabled. It says an expert Commission has been appointed for the purpose of furnishing the necessary information and submitting reparation proposals. It concludes with the hope of a speedy signing of the protocol and the application of the Treaty.
The German delegation this morning handed the reply to the Entente Note to the Secretariat of the Conference.

SCAPA FLOW SINKINGS.

Paris, Dec. 17.
At the Supreme Council the results of the conversations of the Allied and German experts with reference to compensation for the Scapa Flow sinkings have been submitted. It is understood that Germany proposes a reduction of the quantity of material to be surrendered and also the surrender of units under construction instead of three mentioned in the Allied protocol.

NORTH ATLANTIC HURRICANE.

New York, Dec. 15.
A hurricane in the North Atlantic which has lasted for a week has strewn the coast with wrecks. A hundred ships are overdue at New York. A Newfoundland dog aboard a steamer wrecked at Newfoundland saved 92 passengers and crew by taking a line ashore.

\$400,000,000 SUIT.

Chicago, Dec. 18.
Council for the distillers announces he will file suit in Washington to recover from the Government \$400,000,000, the estimated loss due to wartime prohibition enforcement.

AMERICAN PROHIBITION.

Washington, Dec. 15.
The Supreme Court has held the wartime Prohibition Law to be constitutional.

THE STEELWORKERS' STRIKE.

Washington, Dec. 15.
The executives of the Steelworkers' Unions have voiced for a continuation of the strike. They maintain that victory is visible.

THE PARIS BOURSE

Paris, Dec. 15.
On January 2 and afterwards the Paris Bourse will depart to some extent from the war time restriction that all transactions are to be for immediate settlement only in certain specified securities, including certain Russian bonds, Roubles, and a number of French banking concerns.

NOTICES

PIANOS

FOR HIRE

\$10 per month

THE ROBINSON PIANO CO. LTD.

FOOK LEE & CO.,

always in stock, large quantities of
Singles, Wire nails, Pig Lead, Pig Iron, Steel Plates, Black Sheets, Galvanized Wire, Galad Sheets, Yellow Metal Sheathings & etc.
Telephone Nos. 2 & 4 Hillier Street, and 6 1174 & 1950. York Building, Chater Road.

Just to hand: RIGS & CARPETS.

HOP CHEONG 55, Queen's Rd. Central.
High-class Furniture Manufacturers, Upholsterers, House-Painters, Removal Contractors, Expert Packers, etc.

EVERY DROP OF



Brandy is unequalled as a pleasant wholesome stimulating tonic. It is aged in wood for years before being bottled.

Obtainable Everywhere. Sole Agents,

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

Wine & Spirit Merchants. 18, Queen's Road, Central, HONGKONG.

Noble's VALUE IS WORLD FAMOUS

Famous, not only in the Old Country, but throughout the World, are the superb values obtainable from John Noble's.

You should send to-day for the wonderful 68 page Catalogue, giving full particulars and hundreds of illustrations of the very latest styles in Women's, Men's and Children's Wear, Dress Materials, Footwear and all kinds of Household Requirements, such as Linens, Sheetings, Curtains, Bedding, Cutlery, etc.

Buy all such goods direct from England—from Noble's, the actual manufacturers, and thus save middle profits. Everything offered you by Noble's will give you extreme satisfaction in quality of material, design, workmanship and price.

To save writing to England in the first place, copies of John Noble's Catalogue may be obtained, post free, from the "Hong Kong Daily Press," "Hong Kong

PATTERNS John Noble, Ltd., will gladly send a splendid selection of patterns of dress materials, post free, on application to Manchester.

REMITTANCES (in full) should, where possible, be sent by Money Order, or by Bank Draft, payable at sight on London or Manchester.

JOHN NOBLE LTD. Manchester, Eng.



ADVERTISE YOUR WANTS.

WHAT YOU WANT SOMEONE HAS—WHAT YOU
DON'T WANT SOMEONE ELSE DOES.

ONE CENT PER WORD PER INSERTION

TWO CENTS IF NOT PREPAID

A SMALL ADVERTISEMENT IN THESE COLUMNS
WILL BE PRODUCTIVE OF MANY ENQUIRIES.

REPLIES AWAIT BOX No.—281 290 & 291

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—Early in February for nine months or longer. Well-furnished two-roomed flat, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Bath room &c. kitchen utensils. No ingoing expenses necessary. Ideal for married couple, or two bachelors. Any reasonable offer considered. Apply Box 293 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

TO BE LET.—A Vacant Plot of Land in Praya East. Apply to The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—A well built six-roomed European house on Conduit Road, prominent position with garden; site area 10,500 feet. Further particulars on application to Box 294 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

TO BE LET.—A Vacant Plot of Land at Yau Ma Tei. Suitable for Coal Storage. Apply The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR M. POULET.

Paris, Dec. 18.
The "Intransigent" has opened a subscription for M. Poulet, who was officially unaided whatsoever in his Australian fight. The first list totals France 5,500 and includes well known airmen.

THE IRISH TROUBLE.

London, Dec. 17.
In the House of Commons the reasons for the suppression of "Freeman's Journal" were explained by the fact that the paper said that people enlisting as special constables to assist the police in patrol duty would be regarded as marked men. Mr. Macpherson, union leader, said that the Irish members seemed to forget that the police ranks were being thinned nightly by outrages. The question was re-raised on the adjournment, when a motion of protest was defeated by 161 votes to 52. The "Daily News" has offered "Freeman's Journal" two columns daily in order to enable it to give free expression to its opinion on constitutional nationalism during the period of suppression. "Freeman's Journal" has accepted. Its editor in an article in the "Daily News" today declares that the offending article was not directed against the Dublin police but against what was tantamount to enforced police service by members of the Irish Civil Service. It protests against suppression under an Act introduced to meet the exigencies of war but which had been retained in Ireland to enable the Castle Junta to practise Prussianism to the utmost. The "Daily News" in an editorial says: "English rule in Ireland has not yet produced its General Dyer, but the warnings of every responsible English correspondent in Dublin wake the profoundest apprehensions of how the cumulative challenge of militarism to freedom may end."

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Paris, Dec. 16.
The new Chamber of Deputies begins its labours on Tuesday by a meeting of eleven committees charged with the validation of credentials. The Chamber will validate the greater part of the non-contested elections in public session on Wednesday, proceeding on Thursday to the election of the President of the Chamber. M. Deschamps still appears to be the only candidate.—Havas.

ATTEMPT ON EGYPTIAN PREMIER.

Cairo, Dec. 16.
The Premier was driving to the Ministry when his assailant threw the bomb and fired a revolver. Three revolvers were found in his possession.

MORE CABLE DELAYS.

London, Dec. 15.
The E. E. Telegraph Co. announce that four main cables off Spain have been interrupted and heavy delays are inevitable.

ALSATIAN PETROL.

Paris, Dec. 16.
A well, 1,200 feet deep, was sunk at Peschelbronn, Alsace, yesterday, yielding 30 tons of petroleum daily.—Havas.

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SYRIA.

Paris, Dec. 15.
General Gouraud, the French High Commissioner for Syria, has left Syria for a visit to Cilicia.—Havas.

NOTICES.

Victrola
for perfect
dance music

Plays all the new dances, loud and clear and in perfect rhythm.

Always ready when you want it. Keeps on playing as long as you want it.

Obliging enough to repeat any dance music.

Does away with the trouble and expense of hiring musicians.

Takes up little room—doesn't crowd the dancers.

We'll gladly play the maxixe, hesitation, one-step, tango or any other dance music you wish to hear—stop in any time. And we'll tell you all about our easy terms.

MOUTRIES

Exclusive Agents.

MAKE YOUR SIGHT NORMAL

AND YOUR HEALTH WILL BE
IMPROVED.

N. LAZARUS,

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN.

28, Queen's Road Ctl., HONGKONG.

Prescriptions accurately filled.

TO MAKE A DAINY MEAL.



TRADE MARK

THE HING WAH PASTE-MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Head Office: Nos. 47 & 48 Connaught Road Central, Hongkong.

Tel. No. 2230.

Branch Office: 430 & 431, Nanking Road, Shanghai, China.

— NOTICE —

We have just received fresh stocks of Pepsident Tooth Paste, a scientific, new departure in dental preparations. Price greatly lowered by high rate of exchange.

Also CUTEX.

THE COLONIAL DISPENSARY.

UNIVERSAL IMPORT & EXPORT CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

行 洋 森 寶

(Hotel Mansions, Top Floor)

P. O. BOX 348.

All Doctors will tell you that fresh meat juice is most invigorating. All debilitated and weak people should take some daily.

The "FRESH A. PELLE" is the best and most economical one. Only with it can you obtain 12 lb. fresh juice out of 1 lb. raw meat (beef or mutton).

Distributed by "UNIVERSAL IMPORT & EXPORT CO." HONGKONG.

Obtained from THE COLONIAL DISPENSARY, 11 Queen's Road Central.

JAMES STEER.

9, ICE HOUSE STREET.
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER.

CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS, WATCHES AND NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS REPAIRED UNDER MY PERSONAL SUPERVISION.

TEL. 2877.

TEL. 2877.

YESTERDAY'S
TELEGRAMS.[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]HOME JOURNAL
SUPPRESSED.

London, Dec. 16.
"Freeman's Journal" has been suppressed and the machinery dismantled by the troops and police.

FRENCH OIL SPOUTING.

Paris, Dec. 14.
The French Oil Controller is informed that a well sunk at Peschelbronn in Alsace is spouting thirty tons daily.

ARMY ESTIMATES VOTED.

London, Dec. 16.
The House of Commons has voted the Army Estimates of £405,000,000. Mr. Churchill said the estimates next year would not be one quarter of that sum. His action in Russia was the result of decisions of the Supreme Council. The Bolsheviks had been held this year by Kolchak and Denikin and if the latter's forces were destroyed the whole great Bolshevik power would be available to strike through the Baltic States, menace Poland and Finland, and advance through Persia to the frontiers of India, disturbing the whole of Asia. Then we would realise that we had not been fighting the battles of Kolchak and Denikin but they had been fighting ours.

Single Control of Services.
In the House of Commons General Seely, in moving the reduction of the Air Force vote, protested against the Air Force being under the control of the War Office. The motion was rejected by 160 votes to 39. Mr. Churchill foreshadowed a combined war staff of the sea, land and air forces under single control. He said discussions thereon were proceeding among the heads of the three services.

ANOTHER BRITISH
WAR ENDED.

London, Dec. 14.
Another miniature British war has just been concluded with the return of two columns operating north-eastward of Mosul and south-eastward of Amadia in Mesopotamia, after successful expeditions against Zibari Kurds. The order as officially stated was to punish them for the commission of outrages and murders. The troops, consisting of four battalions of Indian infantry, a mountain battery, and three companies of Assyrians, met enormous difficulties in country almost impassable, but their health remained good throughout and losses in engagements were slight. Civil administration is now restored in the district and the troops have been withdrawn.

THE AMRISAR RIOTS.

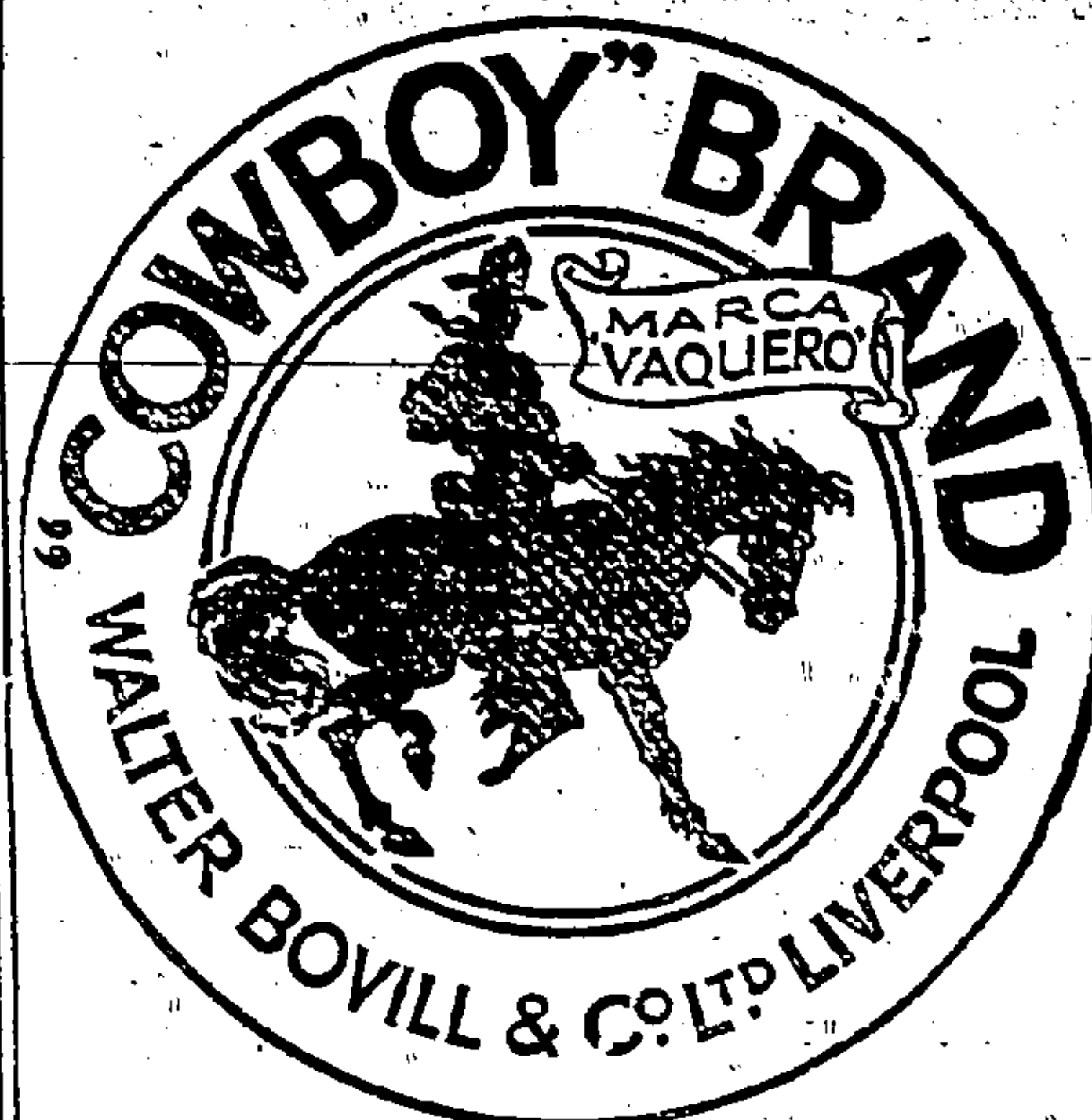
London, Dec. 14.
Mail advices from India state that General Dyer, testifying before the Lahore Commission of Enquiry into the rioting at Amritsar, cabled on 17th and 18th April last, said he ordered the troops to fire on a crowd of 5,000 which had assembled in defiance of a proclamation of martial law. Between 400 and 500 were killed and 1,500 wounded. He considered it his duty to disperse the crowd by rapid fire because he regarded the movement as a military revolt.

DISTURBANCES IN WEST
INDIES.

London, Dec. 14.
Telegrams from the Governor of Trinidad confirm the rioting which broke out at Tobago, where the cruiser Calcutta landed a force and the police fired on the rioters, killing the ringleader. The trouble at Trinidad began with a strike of stevedores. One was killed. In the rioting at Port of Spain returned soldiers were concerned in the disturbances, which ended when wages were advanced. The stevedores have resumed work. The country districts are still disturbed.

NOTICES.

BRITISH BEER



\$3
per doz
pints.
\$22
per case
of
8 doz
pints.

SPARKLING ENGLISH
LAGER BEER.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WATSON'S
DRY GINGER-ALE.

FRAGRANT, AROMATIC, DRY.

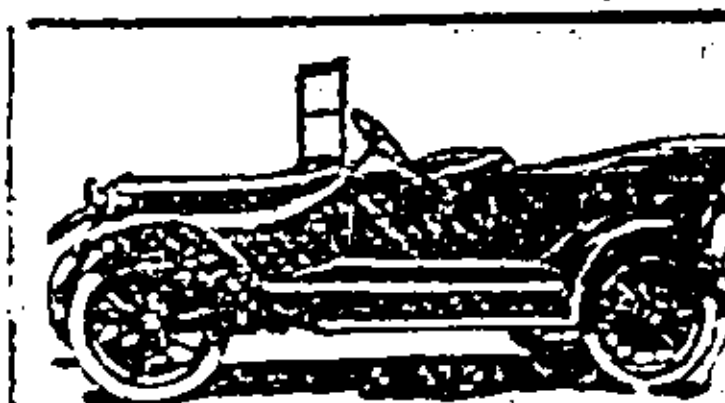
Its "Dryness" is a feature which has helped to give this drink the popularity it so well deserves.

Pints \$1.25 Per Dozen.
... .. 75 "

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

STERILIZED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

TELEPHONE 436.



STAR GARAGE.

Tel No. 3017.

49, Des Vaux Road Central
HONGKONG.

New Cars on Hire & For Sale.

E. HING & CO.

SHIPBUILDING MATERIALS, SHIPCHANDLERS AND
HARDWARE MERCHANTS.25, WING WOO ST.
CENTRAL.

PHONE NO. 1116.

FRENCH LESSONS.

G. MOUSSION,

15, Morrison Hill Road.

We the UNDERSIGNED being General Agents for THE MOTOR UNION INSURANCE CO., LTD., are prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE, MARINE, and MOTOR ACCIDENT risks at current rates.

Particulars from

UNION TRADING CO.

Prince's Building.

THE
WING ON CO., LTD.

HONGKONG.

MOST UP-TO-DATE AND CHEAPEST HOUSE

IN HONGKONG.

PROMPT ATTENTION GIVEN TO ORDERS.

UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS.

PIANO

TUNING & REPAIRING IS OUR
SPECIALITY. SATISFACTION
GUARANTEED.

JAMES LAU & CO.

Tel. 2916 26, Wyndham St.



WINES AND SPIRITS

ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

Case No. 1—\$22. Case No. 2—\$28. Case No. 3—\$32.

3 Bots. St. Estephe Claret.	1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.	1 Bot. St. Marceaux Champagne.
2 " Dore Port.	2 " St. Estephe Claret.	1 " Very Pale Dry Sherry.
2 " Light Dry Sherry.	1 " Light Dry Sherry.	1 " D. Port.
2 " C. C.	1 " Old Tawny Port.	1 " Estrella Port.
1 " Brand Superior Pale	1 " Madeira.	2 " St. Jules Claret.
1 " " " Whisky.	1 " Brand Superior Pale.	1 " " " Brown Brandy.
1 " Spicy Royal Whisky.	1 " " " Whisky.	1 " C. C. Dry.
	1 " Dewar's White Label Whisky.	1 " " " Whisky.
	1 " Spicy Royal Whisky.	1 " Dewar's White Label Whisky.
	1 " C. C.	1 " Spicy Royal Whisky.
	1 " Orange Brandy, M. B. R.	1 " Agnolot Brandy M. B. R.

SPECIAL CASES PUT UP TO ORDER.

A.S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

TELEPHONE 618.

Cable Address: Telegraph, Hongkong.

Telephone: No. 1. A.B.C., 5th edition. Western Union.
Office address: 11, Ice House Street.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1919.

THE GAOL SENSATION.

It is very easy to be wise after an event, but it is a great deal more to the credit of public authorities when they have enough foresight to be wise before one. It has had to cost the life of a European and an Indian to put the Hongkong authorities wise to the extremely bad conditions of supervision at Victoria Gaol. And it has really cost a great deal more. It has cost a considerable amount of public confidence, and quite a deal of reputation. These may sound strong words to use but they are in every way justified by the little less than startling disclosures made during the enquiry into the circumstances under which Warder J. L. Speed and Warder Harnam Singh met their deaths during the gaol-breaking escapade of four Chinese prisoners. No-one could have read the evidence, Mr. J. R. Wood's summing up, or the jury's verdict without being forced to the conclusion that it was something approaching a disgrace to ever allow the conditions to prevail that did. The statement made by the Assistant Superintendent of the Gaol himself constitutes a condemnation of the system he had to work. And the public are very rightly wondering why it is that the wisdom born of tragedy and sensation could not, in the main, have been gained before.

If one were to take all the unsatisfactory points brought out and detail them *seriatim* they would make an eloquently lengthy list. But to consider just one or two of the more important. The prison is extremely badly lighted. There are no lights in any of the cells (perhaps wise), but there are no means of better lighting the corridors in case of emergency, and Warders have to carry search-lights for inspection work. Cells have wooden doors from out of which it is possible to cut the locks—and all the locks are, apparently, alike, because with one key an escaped man opened four cells. Searching is so ineffectively done that a man could secret a bottle of green paint, an auger, a borer, a large corkscrew, three chisels, a screw driver, a small spanner and two pieces of wire, besides some knives. They were either secreted or else there was collusion between prisoners and the searching warder. Out of 35 people on duty at the time only one was a European and he was the only man armed beyond possession of the ordinary truncheon. The European staff is supposed to be 25, but it was seven (or 25 per cent.) under-strength. Of this number only eleven were available for duty on the day and night of the occurrence. The Indian and Chinese staff was eleven men short of the proper number. Mr. Franks very freely stated these staff deficiencies, and said that it was because of the inadequate number of Europeans that the gaol lacked proper supervision. In fact one had only to read Mr. Franks's statement to learn of a surprising state of affairs. As regards the verdict and the many recommendations appended, the Jury displayed a grasp of essentials that is not often shown by Hongkong juries. After calling attention to "the unsatisfactory state of affairs" and the collusion between prisoners and staff, they proceeded to make a number of recommendations touching all the most glaring inefficiencies. The question of better lighting; the alarm system; the need for two Europeans to be on duty at night; the locking system; and the insufficiency of the European staff were commented on. With those recommendations having been sent to H. E. the Governor it is reasonable to hope that steps will be taken to put them into effect, and that from out of the tragedy will come the badly-needed improvements.

Wisdom has again been gained at a very big price. It needed a fire and heavy loss of life to abolish the matchbox at Happy Valley; it needed the murder of a European Sergeant at Tai O to convince the authorities of the necessity of having two Europeans at outposts; and one could go on multiplying instances where a little foresight and liberal provision would have saved a sacrifice. The fact that seems to be lost sight of is that Hongkong, by the very nature of its population and structure, cannot be administered on lines that would be adequate at home. There is a dangerous, fearless and callous criminal class; there is a cosmopolitan population among which much corruption is possible; there are modes of living strange to the West; the recital could go on almost indefinitely. One can legitimately say that there are many extraordinary circumstances here that call for extraordinary measures, but how often is it that ordinary measures are used, and sometimes less than ordinary measures? Gaol staffing at home could not be less than that here as now revealed. There seems to be needed a new outlook, a revised assessment of what is necessary for the safe protection of life and property. And speaking about property, are the authorities waiting for a few more collapses before they condemn some of the jerry-built, ant-eaten houses in the Western and Eastern districts? It is not because of ignorance that things generally are allowed to be as they are; it is because of the spirit of "make do" that seems to be a more or less general possession of public officials. Hongkong is a rich community and its annual Budget is of sufficient dimensions to permit of a liberal treatment of all the problems of administration and replenishment that call for handling. The community's safety stands first in the duty of any Government, and it is a greater evil to err on the side of parsimony with its attendant inefficiency than it would be to over-provide. A broader outlook, a more liberal provision, and a quickened sense of Hongkong's needs constitute the first requisites.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

MORE FLATS.

The interview with Mr. Henry Humphreys which we published in our issue of Saturday was interesting as showing that whilst the Government is still considering measures to cope with the housing shortage, others are taking action in the matter. Enterprise has certainly been shown by the Humphreys Estate and the Finance Company by the erection of modern flats, and we do not doubt that the new blocks of buildings which are to be provided by the Company in Hongkong and Kowloon will be quickly snapped up by tenants once they are completed. Any concern putting up houses or flats nowadays is not likely to have its property lying idle. The demand for accommodation is still much in excess of the supply. All the same, we rather regret the tendency to concentrate almost entirely on flats, for convenient as they are in many respects, they are not the most suitable type of building for the East. Flats serve a very necessary purpose in large cities at home, where suitable sites are scarce and where it is essential for people to live within easy reach of their businesses, but there is little excuse for their existence in a locality like Kowloon, where there are still large tracts of undeveloped land, some of it, we fear, "cornered" by owners who are holding on in the anticipation of a rise in value.

MODERN HOUSES BETTER.

Mr. Humphreys appears to think that flats are more popular than houses, and in order to substantiate his belief he cites the fact that all the Company's flats are occupied and that there is a long "waiting list" of the names of people willing to become tenants when vacancies occur. But that, to our way of thinking, is more in the nature of proof of the shortage in housing accommodation than of any preference for flats. We are at one with Mr. Humphreys when he says that flats are more popular than terrace houses, but it is semi-detached houses or bungalows that are wanted, not monotonous rows of residences of the same type. Mr. Humphreys makes the wrong comparison when he contrasts the "ordinary house" in Hongkong with flats. It is true, as he says, that it is an advantage to the tenants to have kitchen ranges, hot water apparatus and modern sanitation provided by the landlord, but what reason is there why these conveniences should not be installed in semi-detached houses or bungalows, just as they are in modern flats? The old type flats did not have them; the new have. Then surely they could be provided in new houses. There are many objections to the flat system, and if residents had the choice of flats or convenient-sized houses, both with the same modern appliances, we feel sure they would plump for the latter. The fact that flats are seldom idle has nothing to do with the question; people have to live somewhere, and if there are only flats available, they will occupy them, however much they may prefer dwellings of another type. Mr. Humphreys says flats are cheaper in the matter of rentals. They are atrociously high in this respect, anyhow; and the worst of it is that rates are continuously being pushed up, for no other reason, apparently, than the shortage of accommodation. When will the Government come to the relief of the people?

PHONING TO CANTON.

The question of the provision of direct telephone communication between Hongkong and Canton, raised in our issue of Saturday, is one of considerable importance to business people. It is true that it does not take long for letters to pass between the two places, and that there is the ordinary telegraph service available, but for a business house to be able to get through by "phone" either to its own branch in Canton or to another hong would mean a big additional advantage over existing facilities. Politically, too, the development would be of immense value. If the matter cannot be dealt with by private enterprise, then why could not the Government take it up, as it has the provision of railway facilities? Let the Chamber of Commerce and the Government put their heads together and see what can be done.

The public is reminded of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald's lantern lecture at 5.30 p.m. to-day at Union Church Hall on "The Planetary System." Commodore Gurner will be in the chair.

DAY BY DAY.

NO HABIT IS ACQUIRED WITH MORE DIFFICULTY THAN THAT OF ACKNOWLEDGING ONE'S ERRORS.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Fletcher left for Shanghai by the a.s. Chenan.

H. E. the Governor is to open the Repulse Bay Hotel at 3 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Mr. F. W. R. Plummer and Mr. E. J. Grist arrived in the Colony by the Empress of Russia.

Saturday's health return shows three cases of enteric fever (two British and one Chinese), one of which ended fatally.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha has issued a striking wall calendar, the decorative part of which includes a picture of Fujiyama.

The remaining two subscription griffins which have arrived by the s.s. Sinkiang, will be drawn for to-day at 5.30 p.m. at the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables.

Amongst those who left the Colony on Saturday on the Mishima Maru were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Marley and Mrs. Ralphs, who are homeward bound.

The Star Ferry Company's revised time-table is now in operation. It follows the line of the recent experiments of running a five-minute service at certain hours of the day for the convenience of business people.

Unlike last year, most of the local stores are this year issuing dainty wall and desk calendars. We are in receipt of one from the Queen's Dispensary, the subject of the illustration thereon being Charles Russell's "Off to the Wreck."

The annual ball of the Club Lusitano, which was interrupted last year owing to the assassination of late President Sisonio Paes, will be held this year as in former years on the 31st of December. By kind permission, the orchestra of the 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music.

With regard to the appointment of Mr. M. S. Northcote to the vacancy on the Licensing Board caused by the resignation of Mr. Shelton Hooper, he was the only candidate nominated, and a contest was therefore unnecessary. Mr. Northcote was proposed by Sir Paul Chater and seconded by Mr. Harry Hancock.

A European resident had the annoying experience a few days ago of having to buy back his own blankets. The blankets had been placed on a line in the yard of the house to air and an enterprising thief managed to make off with them. On being informed, later, of what had taken place, the "master" of the house—an old resident—went to the nearest pawnshop, and, sure enough, found that the blankets had that day been pawned. They are in his possession again, but at the pawnbroker's price.

The popularity of cinemas will be enhanced this festive week and the management of the Coronet Theatre, ever cognizant of the needs of the public, have led the way with an arrangement for a number of super-productions which, crammed into the span of a week's screening, will provide unflagging enjoyment at this well-known little theatre. To lead the way for this big programme is "Les Miserables," which had its first screening last night, and it can be said to be one of the best productions by the Pathe Company. It is magnificently produced and no-one should miss seeing it.

There was quite a deal of excitement in Wyndham Street on Saturday evening. Just after seven o'clock the watchman at the South China Morning Post offices discovered two men trying to force open one of the safes. On surprising the burglars he was threatened with violence but, calling for help, he secured one of them, the other one getting safely away. Police whistles, blown later, attracted a big crowd. Sergeant Jackson was quite near at the time and placed the caught man under arrest. A search of the premises revealed that entry had been effected by means of a rope through the skylight of a lavatory. Nothing was stolen. At the Police Court to-day the arrested man was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on a charge of feloniously entering the premises.

CURRENT COIN.

(BY "MERCATOR".)

One of the features of the week's commercial happenings was the sharp spurt in China Sugars, which were done in the early part of the week at \$193 for cash and \$227 for March delivery. This is attributed to the report current in the share market that the Company has made a profit of a million-and-a-half of dollars for the year. To what extent this is true few can say. It would be interesting to know how much sugar the Company has in stock and the purchase price of same. If the Company's stocks of sugar have been procured at cheap prices, then it is not improbable that big profits have been earned. The world's production of beet sugar is about 2,400,000 tons, which is short of the average, but on the other hand the world's production of cane sugar exceeds the average by 1,800,000 tons, leaving thereby a shortage of 600,000 tons. The Sugar Controller in England has already raised the price of sugar by 1d. a lb. to the consumer and has limited his consumption to 80 ounces per week, which is not much. Drastic steps are being taken at home with regard to the sales of sugar to retail dealers. It is due to the foresight of the Sugar Controller at home, who made extensive forward purchases, that people in the Home Country are able to obtain their sugar at these prices. Since 1916 the China Sugar Refinery Company has not paid any dividend to its shareholders, the dividend that year being 12 per cent. In the early months of this year the price was quoted at \$79, against \$211 of to-day.

In this connection, I may mention that at present there are indiscriminate deals in futures on the Stock Exchange, and unless this is curbed the possibilities are that it will end in a crash some day. Why cannot the Committee of the Hongkong Stock Exchange put a ban on dealings in futures? Rumour has it that a number of share brokers are in a sorrowful plight owing to their clients failing to take up shares on forward contracts. Some of the brokers are involved in very large sums, and I am told a few cases will soon appear on the list of the Supreme Court. It would be interesting to watch these proceedings as the Ordinance strictly lays down that share contracts made for a forward date without specifying the numbers of such shares on the contract are null and void.

The announcement of the American Treasury to sell silver dollars to China through the medium of the American banks here has created a good deal of interest in commercial circles in Hongkong. What the exact effect of this will be on business in general cannot be stated, but the fear that the business of the British Banks would be affected is uncalled for. The *Times* in giving expression to such a belief is perfectly silly. The American Banks cannot do exchange business better than the British Banks as the latter have branches all over and can get cover more easily. The Americans do not enjoy such advantages, their "sphere of influence," so to speak, being restricted to Manila and Shanghai. In other ports in the Far East they cannot compete with the British Exchange Banks. I am told that the action of the American Treasury is to aid American trade in China, and not to stabilise exchange. The amount earmarked may give temporary relief, but it is quite possible that the fresh supply of bullion will soon after its issue cease to circulate. The moment this supply gets into the interior it will be absorbed and hoarded. It will thus defeat the object of the scheme. The question bristles with difficulties. We shall wait and see how it pans out.

My personal view is that the new arrangement will have little or no effect on the rate on New York and San Francisco, and that the rate will fluctuate between 97 and 101. The International Banking Corporation and the Asia Banking Corporation will act in Hongkong as agents of the American Treasury for the execution of its plan.

The Exchange situation is becoming decidedly worse. The last straw on the camel's back is the decision of the Mexican Government to limit its export of silver by one-half. Mexico has for generations been one of the most important silver producing

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

THE SHIPPING DISPUTE.

Sir,—"Ajax" in his letter of the 16th says that during the war was the time to strike and then we would have had the shipowners in a tight corner. He seems to overlook the fact that the nation was in a tight corner then and many of the Mercantile Marine he calls "rejections" (several of whom I know) had been torpedoed and narrowly escaped with their lives, and if "Ajax" will have talk with any of them as to how they returned to Hongkong they will certainly present him with an Iron Cross with "Liar" on the back.

Other classes of labour did strike at that critical war time but not the Mercantile Marine and instead of throwing pepper in their eyes he ("Ajax") ought to give them credit for the noble work they did in helping to win the war.

He should also credit them with lining up at the right time (after the war), for every cart-fisted man, deck and engine without exception, considered this the time to level the gap in their remuneration between the outside ships and their more fortunate brothers.

"Ajax" must have been rejected as unfit to go in the danger zone and with his scathing letters trying to create one of his own design without leaving the Colony. The only fault he can pick is that a few of them over-indulge but prohibition will rectify all that.

Yours etc.

PERISCOPE.

Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1919.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor was the guest at dinner on Saturday evening of Lieut. Col. J. R. Wyndham and the Officers of the 2nd Battalion the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire) Regiment at Murray Barracks.

countries in the world and although the output has fallen off as a result of internal warfare, the limitation of export is responsible for the recent jumps in the price of silver. The economic position of China as a great exporting country is at present serious in the extreme. These rises in the price of silver and in the rate of exchange, further rises being confidently expected in well-informed circles, must be of the greatest importance to the producers of articles in China and Hongkong as affecting the price they will receive for their exports. Where all this in Japan leads to, nobody seems to know. Most of China's products are needed all over the world and if the price has to be raised the consumer has no option but to pay the increased rate. This is not possible with all the China products, owing to competition, and dealers in these less fortunately placed articles are hard hit.

The control of exports of Japanese yarn and the suspension of the duty in Japan on imported yarn has caused a considerable drop in the price of yarn in Japan. As a result of the action of the Japanese Government a lot of yarn is being exported to Hongkong from Bombay, and this has had the effect of making for a lower Rupee exchange rate.

The British Treasury has just started to close the financial stable door after the moneyed horse has escaped. Cash is urgently wanted in the form of loans for which a very fair interest is offered. France, like most others of the belligerent nations, is in need of money, too. The only difference is that she knows how to get it. She has floated a gigantic Premium Bond loan by which fortunes are to be paid away monthly amongst those who have subscribed to the loan. While this attractive form of becoming rich in a hurry has drawn a plentiful harvest of hard cash from all quarters of the British Empire and the world generally, the House of Commons appears to be puzzling out whether money could or could not be obtained by this system. What amount has been subscribed for to the French Premium Bonds is not known, but it must have been heavy to affect the rate of exchange as a result of the remittance to Paris after the closing date for receiving applications for these bonds.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE CHEUNG CHOW MURDER.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) the Decem-ber Criminal Sessions were continued this morning. There was only one case for hearing, this being in which the Shui Shing was charged with murder of a woman at Cheung Chow.

The Hon. Attorney General (Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.) prosecuted for the Crown, and prisoner was defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C. B. E. (instructed by Mr. G. R. Haywood).

The following were empanelled on the Jury:—Messrs. H. C. Best, D. Abbey, G. H. da Silva, J. Mc Cubbin, K. Sayce, A. German, and J. Caer Clark. Mr. Mc Cubbin was chosen foreman.

In outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Kemp stated that the murder took place in a house on Cheung Chow island on November 2nd. On the night in question the deceased woman, with her mother and some children, were sleeping in the house alone, the deceased's husband being aboard the Cheung Chow ferry boat. In the early hours of the morning the old lady was awakened by the deceased crying out "save life." On getting up she saw two men in the house coming from the direction of the deceased's cubicle. One of the two men rushed up to her and cut her on the neck. She knew the man very well and identified him as the prisoner. After the men had rushed out of the house she found her daughter lying in the cubicle with her throat cut. The matter was reported to the deceased's husband, and they informed the police. By the time the police arrived the deceased woman was dead. Subsequently the prisoner was arrested in a matchbox near by and in that matchbox, under a bed which the prisoner used, was found a chopper. When the prisoner was charged he said he did not know anything about the matter, but when he was before the Magistrate he made a statement showing that he did know.

He said:—"I cannot remember the exact day, but one day a friend of mine Lai Cheung asked me to go with him to a cake seller's house to steal some cakes to satisfy our hunger." (Cakes were sold at the house where the murder took place, explained Mr. Kemp.) "He said we had better take knives for self-defence, but I said it was no use taking knives as we were not going to steal clothes, jewels or chattels. He said 'You had better take one.' He took one and I took one. He brought a smaller one; it was a butcher's knife. He went inside the cubicle. I did not know what he was doing. I waited outside and heard a voice cry out from within the cubicle. The old lady raised an alarm and I said as I was told, and used my knife to threaten the old lady. I cut her throat during a struggle. Lai Cheung then opened the street door and both of us went out."

Mr. Kemp explained that another man had been arrested, but he was subsequently discharged as this prisoner had said he had had nothing to do with the matter and was a stranger. Mr. Kemp went on to explain the rule of law regarding men acting in concert, pointing out that even if the prisoner himself did not commit the murder he would be guilty of murder if he acted in concert with the other man.

LOCAL FIRES.

Serious damage was caused by a fire which broke out at No. 84, Bonham Strand at 1.50 a.m. yesterday. The conflagration started in the cookhouse, and quickly spread to the upper storeys of the buildings. The Fire Brigade were unable to cope with the outbreak and 15 adjacent houses, No. 86, was also more or less completely gutted. The damage runs to a large amount, which, however, is covered by insurance with various Chinese companies. Another fire of small dimensions broke out at Nos. 5 and 6 Cheung San Street, West Point. It was quickly extinguished.

Mr. Henry Humphreys was inadvertently misquoted in one part of our interview with him which appeared on Saturday. He said "If you take our Kowloon and Hongkong projected building construction together, it will amount to seven lakhs of dollars. This sum includes, of course, cost of land, levelling, and so forth. It is not a bad sum to spend especially for a comparative small Company."

ELECTRICAL APPARATUS

SHIPPING.

P. & O. - BRITISH INDIA, APCAR AND EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN LINES.

(COMPANIES incorporated in ENGLAND)
TO
STRAITS & BURMA, CEYLON, INDIA, PERSIAN GULF,
WEST INDIES, MAURITIUS, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA,
AUSTRALASIA, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND
& QUEENS. LAND PORTS, RED SEA,
EGYPT, EUROPE, ETC.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS (South)			
S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
KASHGAR	9,000	2nd Jan.	Marseilles & London direct.
DUNERA	5,600	10th Jan.	S'pore, Colombo & Bombay.
BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)			
ARRATON A.	4,500	23rd Dec.	Straits, Rangoon & Ceylon.
EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)			
ST. ALBANS	4,000	25th Jan.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
EASTERN	4,000	11th Feb.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.			
DUNERA	6,500	30th Dec.	Shanghai.
WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.			
Parcels Measuring not more than 1 1/2 ft. X 2 1/2 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.			
For Passage Rates, Handbooks, Freight, etc., apply to			
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.			
12, Des Vaux Road Central. Agents.			

CPLOS

SAILINGS			
HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER			
FROM	STEAMERS	HONGKONG	VANCOUVER
Empress of Russia	Dec. 25	Jan. 12	
Monteagle	Jan. 3	Jan. 27	
Empress of Japan	Jan. 14	Feb. 4	
Empress of Asia	Jan. 22	Feb. 9	
Empress of Russia	Mar. 11	Mar. 29	
Empress of Japan	Mar. 17	Apr. 7	
Monteagle	Mar. 22	Apr. 15	
Empress of Asia	Apr. 8	Apr. 26	
Empress of Russia	May 6	May 24	
Empress of Japan	May 12	June 2	
Monteagle	May 29	June 22	
Empress of Asia	June 3	June 21	
Empress of Russia	July 1	July 19	
Empress of Japan	July 7	July 28	

For Passage Rates, Handbooks, Freight, etc., apply to
HONGKONG OFFICE.
Telephone 712. Cable address: GACANPAO.
CANADIAN PACIFIC OCEAN SERVICES

SHIPPING.

N. Y. K.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
SEATTLE & VICTORIA via Manila, Shanghai & Japan ports.
Cargo to Overland Points U.S. in connection with Great Northern
Northern Pacific, and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railways.
KATORI MARU (Omitting Manila) Wed. 21st Jan. at 11 a.m.
SUWA MARU (Omitting Manila) Mon. 2nd Feb. at 11 a.m.
LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez
Port Said & Marseilles.
SADO MARU ... Friday, 26th Dec. at noon.
KITANO MARU ... Friday, 9th Jan. at noon.
MELBORNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday
Island, Townsville & Brisbane.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Dec. at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU ... Middle of January.
NEW YORK & HAVANA via Kobe, Yokohama, Muroran, San
Francisco, Panama & Colon.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Sunday, 4th January.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.
BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.
TENSHO MARU (Bombay direct) Friday, 26th Dec.
WAKAMATSU MARU (Bombay direct) Sunday, 28th Dec.
CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.
KAWACHI MARU ... Monday, 29th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.
AKI MARU ... Saturday, 16th Jan. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TOYO MARU No. 2 ... Friday, 26th Dec.
KAMO MARU ... Tuesday, 30th Dec. at 11 a.m.
TENSIN MARU ... Tuesday, 30th Dec.
KEISHIN MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec.
EXTRA SERVICES—(Marseilles, Liverpool, Antwerp, Rotterdam
Hamburg etc.)
DURBAN MARU (London, Antwerp & Hamburg) Sun. 28th Dec.
PENANG MARU (Marseilles & Liverpool) Beginning of Jan.
TOYAMA MARU (London, Antwerp, & Hamburg) M. of Jan.
For further information apply to—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Telephone Nos. 292 & 293. S. YASUDA, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE
VIA SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG			
Steamers	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Arrive
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	
IMBRYO MARU	22,000	15th Jan.	

CHINA MAIL S.S. CO. LTD.

FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS.
"NANKING" "NILE" "CHINA"
15,000 tons. 11,000 tons. 10,000 tons.
SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
SAN FRANCISCO
VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN PORTS & HONOLULU.
"NANKING" "NILE" "CHINA"
Jan. 13th, 1920. Dec. 25th, 1919. Jan. 31st 1920.
AN UNSURPASSED HIGH CLASS PASSENGER SERVICE.

O. H. RITTER, Freight and Passenger Agent,
Princo's Buildings, Ice House Street, Tel. 1934.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.
(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.)

JAPAN, CHINA & STRAITS
TO
UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.
For LONDON ... Steamer "KALOMO" ... Sailing 27th December.
For LONDON ... Steamer "ST. FRANCIS" ... Sailing 20th January.
For LONDON ... Steamer "MATOPPO" ... Sailing 15th February.
For particulars of sailings shippers are requested to approach
the undersigned.
Subject to change without notice.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
General Agents,
or to REISS & Co. Canton
Hongkong, 20th Dec. 1919.

For New York

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

S.S. "ARABIAN PRINCE"

will be despatched for New York via Suez Canal about
8th January.
For freight and further particulars apply to
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
Agents.

YESTERDAY'S
TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the
"Telegraph."]
ATTEMPT ON EGYPTIAN
PREMIER.

Cairo, Dec. 14.
An unsuccessful attempt to as-
sassiniate the Egyptian Premier
was made this morning. The as-
sailant, a student, was arrested.

SALVATION ARMY LEADER.

London, Dec. 15.
The King received at Bucking-
ham Palace General Booth, who
departs on a world tour on 15th
January.

CITIZEN GUARDS SCHEME
ABANDONED.

London, Dec. 16.
The "Daily News" scheme to
control Citizen Guards, cabled on
October 3rd, has been abandoned.

OBITUARY.

London, Dec. 15.
The death is announced of Sir
John Jackson, M.P. (U), for De-
vonport, one of the largest con-
tractors for public works.

U. S. SENATE DEBATE.

Washington, Dec. 14.
In the Senate Mr. Underwood ex-
pressed his willingness to vote on
any peace measure on which a gen-
eral agreement is possible.

Washington, Dec. 14.
In the Senate Senator Lodge
urged that the President should
submit proposals of compromise
for the ratification of the Peace
Treaty, promising that the Repub-
licans would carefully consider
them. Mr. Underwood urged
prompt ratification because of
the unsettlement affecting Ameri-
can exports. He suggested the ap-
pointment of a Democratic-Rep-
ublican Committee of conciliation.
Senator Lodge rejected the sug-
gestion and said the only course
open for President Wilson was to
withdraw the Treaty and re-
submit it with suggestions. The
debate became heated. Senator
Knox introduced resolutions which
he, Senator Lodge, proposed in
November, declaring a state of
peace between United States and
Germany. Consideration of the
resolutions was postponed until
Monday.

Washington, Dec. 15.
The following statement was
made from the White House: "The
hope of the Republican leaders in
the Senate that the President will
presently make some move which
will relieve the situation as re-
gards the Treaty is entirely un-
founded. The President contem-
plates no compromise or conces-
sion but intends that the Republi-
can leaders in the Senate shall
continue to bear undivided re-
sponsibility for the fate of the
Treaty and the consequent pre-
sent state of the world."

D'ANNUNZIO'S TRIUMPH.

New York, Dec. 15.
The Associated Press corres-
pondent at Trieste is informed that
an agreement has been signed be-
tween D'Annunzio and Signor Nit-
ti for the solution of the Fiume
and Adriatic questions under
which Italy will have complete
sovereignty over Fiume while all
the provisions of the pact of Lon-
don will be carried out. All
D'Annunzio's claims are guaran-
teed. His troops will return to the
regular army with the retention of
all their honours and rank. The
D'Annunzios claim the settle-
ment as a triumph.

LONDON TO AUSTRALIA.

London, Dec. 14.
A wrecked aeroplane has been
found off Corfu with no occupant.
The log-book was also washed
ashore from which it is now es-
tablished that it was the Martin-
syde aeroplane piloted by Captain
Howell.

SHIPPING.

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	Sulyang	23rd Dec. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	25th Dec. at noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Yingchow	27th Dec. at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	30th Dec. at 3 p.m.

SHANGHAI LINE.—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO.
Excellent Saloon accommodation amidships. Electric Light and
Fans in Saloon and State-rooms. Regular schedule service between
Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai (thrice weekly) and Tain-tai
(weekly), taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze
and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shan hai
avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.

BANGKOK LINE.—Weekly service to and from Bangkok & S-
Swatow.
For Freight or Passage apply to
Telephone No. 36.
Hongkong Dec. 20, 1919.

INDO CHINA STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Tues., 23rd Dec. at 8 a.m.
SINGAPORE & Penang	Fooshing	Wed., 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Thur., 25th Dec. at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Fri., 26th Dec. at 5 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Sat., 27th Dec. at noon
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 27th Dec. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Tues., 30th Dec. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Namsang	Tues., 30th Dec. at 5 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE.—This Line now affords regular sailings to Calcutta, Penang and Singapore
steaming from Calcutta steamers proceed via Suez and Hongkong to Japan, occasion-
ally calling at Shanghai.
All steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with Electric Light and
Fans and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes
calling at Swatow. Through tickets can be obtained and through Bills of Lading are issued
to all Northern and Yangtze Ports via Swatow.
MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with vessels by vessels with good passages across
in station, sailings from both ports every Friday.
HAIPHONG LINE.—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Haiphong when
necessary.

BORNEO LINE.—One sailing per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by a steamer leaving up to
date accommodation for passengers.
Cebu taken on through Bills of Lading for Kedah, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Lahad Dato
Tientsin LINE.—A regular service is run from March to November between Hongkong and Tientsin
calling at Weihaiwei and Chiao.

For Freight or passage, apply to
JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
Telephone No. 215. General Managers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having
good accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light and
Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW AND RETURN.
(Occupying 9 to 10 days.)
Steamships. Captain Leaving.
*Hatchig... | A. H. Stewart... | TUES., 23rd Dec. at 1 p.m.
*Quinnebaug | Medina ... | FRI., 26th Dec. at noon.
* For Amoy Passengers only.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near
Blake Pier).
For Freight and Passage, apply to
Douglas Lapraik & Co.,
General Managers.

Lloyd Triestino

S.S. "AFRICA"

Beginning of February, 1920.

Excellent 1st & 2nd Class passenger accommodation.

For freight or passage apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

FOR NEW YORK & BOSTON.

THE U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

S. S. "IDA"

About December 24th.
Via PANAMA.

S. S. "CAPE MAY"

Late January.
Via PANAMA.

For freight space and particulars apply to—

THE ADMIRAL LINE

AGENTS
Telephone 2477 & 2478
5th floor, Hotel Manilla

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.

OFFICES: San Francisco and Seattle, U.S.A., Shanghai,
China, Manila, P.I., Kobe, Japan and Hongkong.

Operating the following Far Eastern services for account of the United
States Shipping Board.

U.S.A. PACIFIC COAST, JAPAN, CHINA AND PHILIPPINES.

For SAN FRANCISCO For SEATTLE
WEST CAJOOT 1st half Jan. "BRAVECOUER" 24th Dec.

Also
"West Helix", "West Henshaw", "West Lion", "Western Glen", "Takesfield",
"Devilstone", "Editor", "Stanley", "West Cactus", "West Segovia", "West Lisle",
"Hakaway", "Vinita", "Elkhorn".
arrivals to be announced later.

Through rates quoted and through B/L's issued to all over and points in
U.S. and Canada.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 1st floor, Powell's Building Tel. 3008.
EVERETT, Vice-Pres. E. A. NELSON, General Agent.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

BANKERS AND FORWARDERS.
ESTABLISHED—141.

HEAD OFFICE—35 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS—U. S. \$25,000,000.00.

LONDON OFFICE—34, QUEEN STREET, E. C.

6, Haymarket, S. W.,
11, Elbury Street, S. W.

Branches & Agencies—throughout the world.
General Banking and Foreign Exchange.
We maintain Foreign Trade and Travel Bureaus.
American Business a Specialty.

SHIPPING.

O. S. K.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
LONDON & ANTWERP—Monthly direct service via Singapore and Port Said.

"BORNEO MARU" ... End of Dec. or Beg. of Jan.
CENOA & BOMBAY—Monthly service. Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading with transshipment at Bombay to Co.'s steamer.

BUENOS AIRES—Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Mauritius, Durban and Cape Town via Singapore.

"SUMATRA MARU" ... Sunday, 4th Jan.
BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via S'pore. Middle of Jan.

SAIC J. BANGK KASI CAPORE—Regular Monthly Service. Wednesday, 31st Dec.

"SHISEN MARU" ... Tuesday, 30th Dec.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE—Monthly service taking cargo to New Zealand and Pacific Islands.

"KUNAJIRI MARU" ... Monday, 22nd Dec.
"TAMON MARU" ... Middle of Jan.

VICTORIA & VANCOUVER—Tacoma via Manila, Keelung, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi & Yokohama.

"MEXICO MARU" (Shanghai) ... Tuesday, 23rd Dec.
"CHICAGO MARU" (Manila) ... Saturday, 27th Dec.

"ARABIA MARU" (Shanghai) ... Tuesday, 30th Dec.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY—These steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers and will arrive at and depart from the O. S. K. wharf, near the Harbour Office.

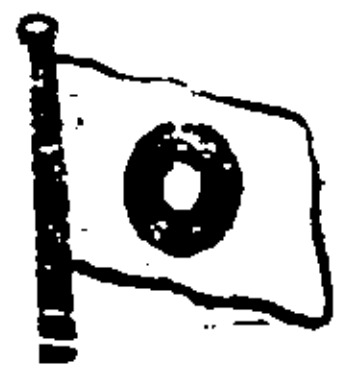
"AMAKUSA MARU" ... Sunday, 21st Dec.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY. Friday, 2nd Jan.

"SOSHI MARU" ...
JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi & Yokohama.

For sailing dates and further particulars please apply to—
Y. YASUDA, Manager.

Tel. No. 744 and 745

No. 1, Queen's Building.



KUHARA SHOJI KAISHA, LTD.

KUHARA TRADING CO., LTD.
(Shipping Department).

HEAD OFFICE (Kobe).

Branches and Representatives:—

YOKO, OSAKA, LONDON, NEW YORK, PARIS, ROME, BERN, PORT SAID, CALAIS, HAVRE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, TAWAU, YANAGOK, RAIGON, VLADIVOSTOK, SHANGHAI and TAIPEI.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Pacific Coasts Japan, China, India, Java, North and South America, also to Mediterranean.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.

For further particulars apply to—

CHU KYOKU TRADING Co.,
M. HASHIMOTO,
General Agents.

Telephone No. 2103.

THE AUSTRALIAN ORIENTAL LINE.

HONGKONG TO PHILIPPINES & AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
SAILING (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamer.	Arrives Hongkong from Australia	Leaves Hongkong for Australia.
* TAIYUAN	8th Jan.	13th Jan.
* CHANGSHA	2nd Feb.	7th Feb.

* For Sydney only.

These steamers are fitted with Refrigerating machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of ice, fresh provisions etc. and have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian ports.

For Freight or Passage apply to—

Telephone No. 36.

Butterfield & Swire.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

OPERATING THE NEW FIRST CLASS STEAMERS

"ECUADOR," "VENEZUELA" & "COLOMBIA"

HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO
Via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama & Honolulu.

THE "SUNSHINE" BELT

THE MOST COMFORTABLE ROUTE TO AMERICA AND EUROPE.
SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG AT NOON.

S.S. "ECUADOR" ... Wednesday, Dec. 31st.
S.S. "COLOMBIA" ... Wednesday, Jan. 28th.
S.S. "VENEZUELA" ... Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

ALSO

The following U. S. Shipping Board vessels:

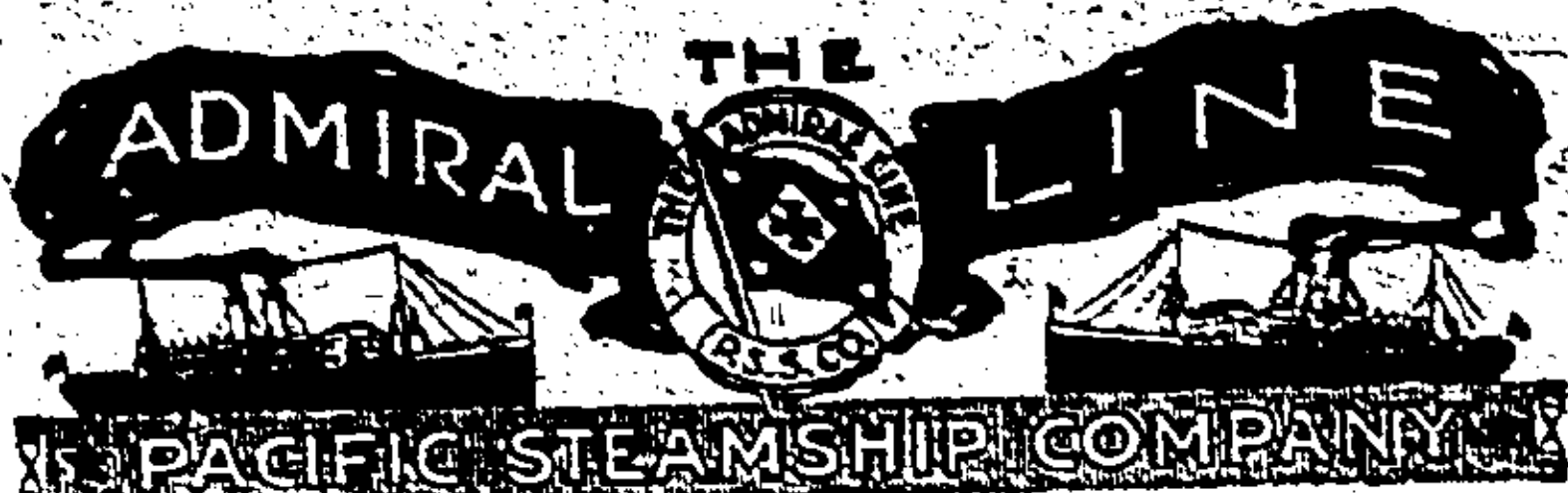
Steamers Sails from S. Francisco Due to Sail from Hongkong
"WEST INSKIP" Oct. 30, 1919. Jan. 8, 1920.
"WEST CONOB" Nov. 1, " Jan. 26, "

Cargo accepted on through bills of lading to Baltimore, Havana, Central and South American ports.

For further information apply to—

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., Alexandra Building, Chater Road.
TELEPHONE 141. Cable Address "SOLANO."

SHIPPING.



TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHT SERVICE.
Operating the following U. S. Shipping Board Steamers.

For SEATTLE, TACOMA, VICTORIA, VANCOUVER.

"EDMORE" ... About Jan. 2
"CITY OF SPOKANE" ... Jan. 5
"ICORUM" ... Jan. 20

"SEATTLE SPIRIT" About Feb. 1

"WHEATLAND" ... Feb. 15

For PORTLAND direct.

"WAWALONA" (Calling at Shanghai and Kobe) About January 2nd.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED TO OVERLAND COMMON POINTS.

FOR FREIGHT AND PARTICULARS APPLY TO

THE ADMIRAL LINE

Telephone 2471 & 2478

5th Floor, Hotel Mansions.

THE DOLLAR S. S. LINE.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VANCOUVER

STEAMER SAILING DATE.
"BESSIE DOLLAR" ... 15th January.
"MELVILLE DOLLAR" ... 5th February.
"HAROLD DOLLAR" ... 10th March.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

"WEST HEPBURN" ... 10th January.
Through Bills of Lading issued to all parts of United States or Canada.

Movements subject to change without notice.

For particulars for freight apply to—

THE ROBERT DOLLAR Co.

GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING TEL. 795.
THIRD FLOOR 792.

NEW YORK DIRECT.

Joint service of the

"BLUE FUNNEL" LINE.

(Ocean S. S. Co., Ltd., & British Mutual S. S. Co., Ltd.)

AND

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE

(Ellerman & Bucknall S. S. Co., Ltd.)

Sailings from Hongkong.

"KNIGHT TEMPLAR" via Suez 5th January.
"OANFA" via Suez 23rd January.
"ARIOSTO" via Suez 5th February.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at Owners' option.

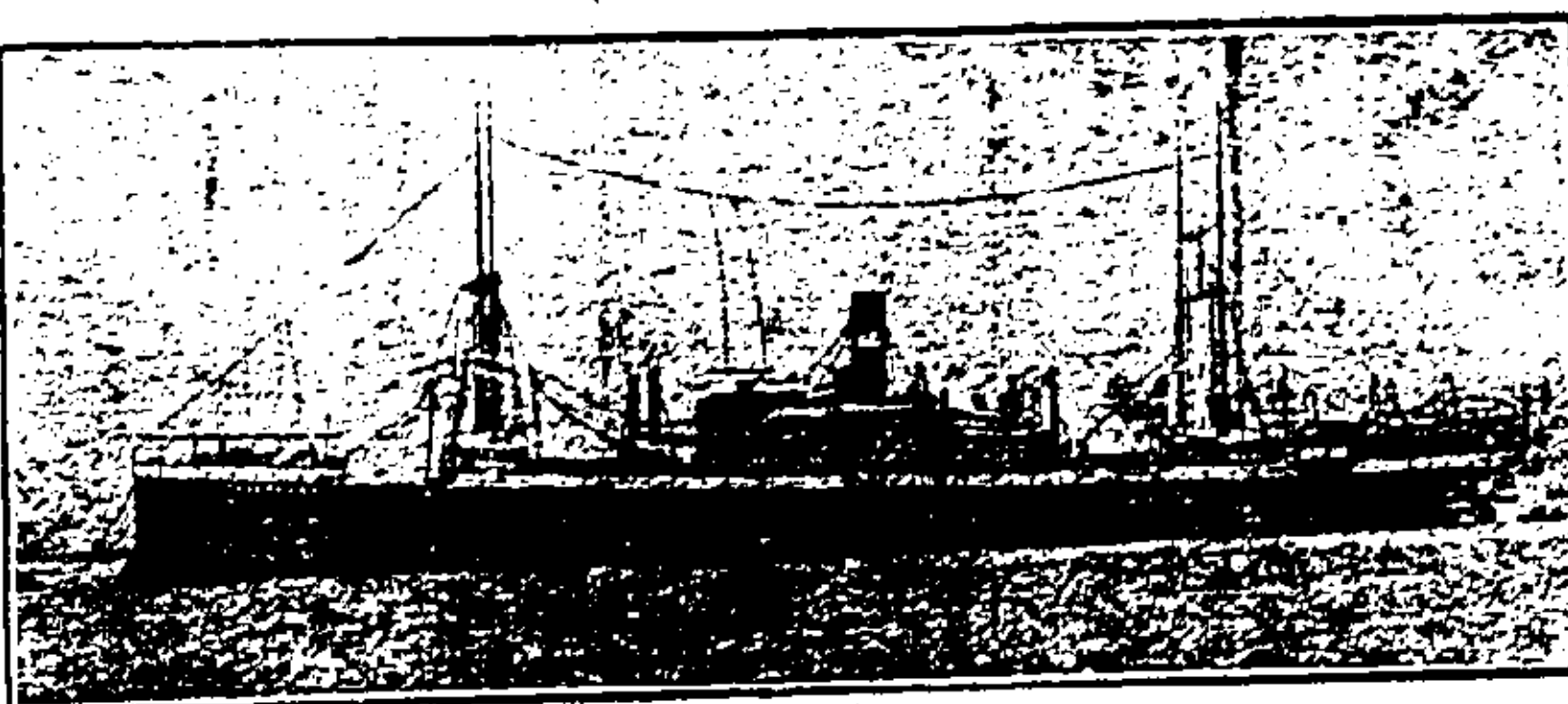
Subject to change without notice.

For freight and particulars apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE or THE BANK LINE, LD, HONGKONG.

HONGKONG & CANTON REISS & CO CANTON.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.



Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjibbehoel	Java	in port	25th Dec.	Shanghai
Tjimanoeek	Java	in port	29th Dec.	Japan
Tjitaroom	Japan	29th Dec.	2nd Jan.	Java

"The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia."

ALSO OPERATING

JAVA PACIFIC LIJN.

MONTHLY SERVICE BETWEEN
NETHERLANDS INDIA, MANILA,
HONGKONG & SAN FRANCISCO.

Through Bills of Lading issued to U.S.A. and Canadian Overland Points.

For Freight and Passage apply to the

Java-China-Japan Lijn.

Telephone No. 1574

York Buildings.

SHIPPING.

KONINKLYKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPY

(Royal Packet Navigation Co. of Batavia)

THE STEAMSHIP:

"VAN WAERWYCK"

will be despatched on the 26th Dec. at 3 p.m. to—

Singapore, Penang and Belawan Deli.

This vessel offers excellent cabin-accommodation for saloon passengers.

Wireless Telegraphy.

For freight and passage apply to:

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 1574.

Agents.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The R. M. S. METHVEN leaves Singapore, 19th Dec., and is due at Hongkong on 27th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 22nd Nov. and is expected here on the 29th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 29th Nov. and is expected here on the 7th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSIN M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 6th Dec. and is expected here on the Dec. 29th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KEISHIN M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 12th Dec., and is expected here on the 31st Dec.

The Ben L. s.s. BENLAVERS from Antwerp, Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore for this port on 18th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 25th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SADO M. (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji Shanghai on the 16th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSIN M. (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 18th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. ATSUTA M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 13th Dec., and is expected here on the 19th Jan.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of cable advice from its Shanghai Office to the effect that the s.s. EQUADOR, Voyage 16 Out, left that Port on the 18th inst., for Manila, and may be expected at this Port on or about December 28th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO M. (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd Dec.

The N.Y.K. s.s. TOYO MARU No. 2 (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th Dec. and is expected here on the 27th Dec.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

Lopeng Kwongtaicheung,

Queen's Road Central, from

Shanghai.

Kiaushong, from Amoy.

Yingwo, Westpoint, from

Shanghai.

Keechang, from Shanghai.

Gelpke, Care Victoria, from

Kobe.

Sinengshin, Des Voeux Central,

from Amoy.

Major Rilliers Coupon, Re-

transmitted, from Yokohama,

from Victoria B. C.

Katojuichi Captain, Burongan

Maru, via Hongkong, from

Tokohashi.

Yuenyuchang, from Shanghai.

Mataitai, from Osaka.

Kakiage, from Osaka.

Nagase, from Osaka.

Tawachiew, from Amoy.

Choycheungkuk Steward of

Steamer Chinon c/o Yeechan

Store, from Amoy.

Maruto, from Osaka.

T. KRING.

Superintendent,

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1919.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL-

ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

Fernardner, from London.

Cay, from Bombay.

Ramelbonco, from Manchester.

Hendrick, from San Francisco.

Holliday, from New York.

Idekengo, from Keelung.

Innamineka, from Saigon.

Corhongo, from London.

Westall, from Sydney.

Zohakhan, Sergeant Degger

Police, from Singapore.

D. de H. FARRANT,

Superintendent,

Hongkong, Dec. 18, 1919.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YAMAGATA

MARU (Bombay Line) left Bom-

bay for this port direct on the

17th Dec., and is expected here

on the 4th Jan.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in

receipt that the s.s. WEST

CADDON Voyage 1, left that

Port on Friday December 19th

and will arrive at this Port on

Tuesday December 23rd.

VESSELS LOADING.

EUROPE, U.S.A., ETC.

Mexico M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 23
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 24
Ida M.	A. D.	Dec. 24
Braveconer	S. & D.	Dec. 24
Nile	C. M.	Dec. 25
E. of Russia	C.P.O.S.	Dec. 25
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Van Waerwyck J.C.J. L.	Dec. 26	
Kalomo	B. L.	Dec. 27
Chicago M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 27
Dongola	P. & O.	Dec. 27
Durban M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Arabia M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 30
Boudor	P. M. Co.	Dec. 31
West Cajoet S. & D.	1st Half Jan.	
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 3
Wawlonia	A. L.	Jan. 2
Edmore	A. L.	Jan. 2
Kashgar	P. & O.	Jan. 2
Sumatra M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 4
Tokushima	N. Y. K.	Jan. 5
Knight Templar	B. L.	Jan. 5
Arabian Prince S. T. Co.	Jan. 8	
West Inskip	P. M. Co.	Jan. 8
Kitano M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 9
West Hepburn R. D. Co.	Jan. 10	
Dunera	P. M. Co.	Jan. 10
Taiyuan	B. & S.	Jan. 13
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 14
Grace D.	R. D. Co.	Jan. 15
Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 15
Iconium	A. L.	Jan. 20
St. Francis	B. L.	Jan. 20
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 21
E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 22
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 23
Gania	B. L.	Jan. 23
St. Albans	P. & O.	Jan. 25
West Conob	P. M. Co.	Jan. 28
Colombia	P. M. Co.	Jan. 28
China	C. M. Co.	Jan. 31
Penang M.	N. Y. K.	B. of Jan.
Borneo M.	O. S. K.	B. of Jan.
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Jan.
Toyama M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Jan.
Africa	D. & Co.	B. of Feb.
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 2
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 3
Ariosto	B. L.	Feb. 5
Changsha	B. & S.	Feb. 7
Eastern	P. & O.	Feb. 11
Matoppo	B. L.	Feb. 15
Korea M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 23
Venezuela	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	Mar. 11

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

Kunajiri M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 22
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Dec. 23
Suiyang	B. & S.	Dec. 23
Loksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 23
Fooshing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 24
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Dec. 25
Taksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 25
Quinnbang	D. L. Co.	Dec. 26
Kwachai M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Toyo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Tensho M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Tensho M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 26
Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Yingchow	B. & S.	Dec. 27
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Wakamatsu M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Namsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Taming	B. & S.	Dec. 30
Dunera	P. & O.	Dec. 30
Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 30
Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 30
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Keishin M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 31
Shisen M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 31
Titaroom	J.C.J. L.	Jan. 2
Soshu M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 2
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 16
Siam M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.
Tamno M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "MANIFESTO" HONGKONG

Codes Used: "A1; A.B.C. Fifth Edition: Engineering, First and Second Edition; Western Union and Watkins

Dock Owners, Ship Builders, Marine and Land Engineers, Boiler Makers,

Iron and Brass Founders, Forge Masters, Electricians



S.S. "WASOMBER" 8,442 tons D.W.; 5,195 tons gross.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB SECURE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Saturday's matches resulted as follows:

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.
Club 1: R. A. 0.
St. Joseph's 2; South China 0.

LEAGUE: DIVISION II.
South China A. 0; Manchester Regt. 2.
United F. C. 2; Indian R. C. 2.
Club Reserve 2; Club de Reunion 1.

The chief feature of Saturday's football was the meeting of the R. A. and the Club. The latter, by winning this match secured the championship of the Hongkong League, a honour which has peculiarly not been obtained by the Club in local football, although they have owned most of the other football honours at various times. It cannot be said that the game on Saturday was a brilliant one, but enough good play by the Club forwards was displayed to convince spectators that the side is well worthy of the League Championship this year, having played consistently. Although most of the games have been won by small margins, the side has on many occasions been much superior to their opponents. South China again disappointed their supporters, by losing after a really fine and even game but the weakness of South China forwards in front of goal is remarkable; they must train some bigger and more determined inside forwards if they wish to secure full value of their clever field work.

The Police and Navy match was scratched in sympathy with the death of Inspector Deveney of the Hongkong Police.

All League matches for Saturday next are cancelled, in consequence of the exhibition matches in aid of the Devastated France Fund. Strong teams have been chosen to represent England and Scotland, also Civilians and Services, second division of the League. It is regretted that Services and Civilians match only includes 2nd Division players, but even so this match should be very interesting.

CLUB V. R. A.

The Club fielded their strongest side for this game on Saturday as a win was most important, and R. A. were without Talfourd, but otherwise at full strength. The Club forwards indulged in some very nice bits of passing but the final transfer usually went wrong. It was the R. A. who first appeared really dangerous, a very hot shot by the inside right giving G. Rodger a warm hand. The Club broke away and Reichelmann and Stalker both came very near with good attempts. The R. A. goalie and backs were playing strong games and the Club's efforts to score were futile, until from a nice bit of play on the left wing, J. Rodger scored with a splendid shot from about twenty yards out. The Club tried hard to increase their score and Reichelmann very nearly did the trick. Morris and his partner on the R. A. wing were playing clever football and Green in the centre required a lot of watching. The interval came with Club one up. In the second half the Club opened up the game and the forwards played very finely, without scoring. Hamilton and Mc. Tavish were combining well on the left and there were some very nice passing moves by the whole of the forwards, but they met a sturdy defence. At the other end Green came very near scoring at the last stages of the game, the ball just beating him as he was on the point of scoring, hotly pressed by Stalker and Stewart. Stalker having reverted to full back in place of McCubbin who sustained a hard kicking. The Club did not play as usual game, the importance of winning appearing to get their play, but at times they showed high class work. Hamilton and Rodger shone in a forward line and Stewart, Green and McCubbin were very good in the defence at critical moments. The Club showed very good on occasions, but it was

not one of their best days. The R. A. set up a hard fight to the end and were always enterprising, especially Green and Morris, who evaded the defence on many occasions and the remainder of the forwards played a hard slogging game. Talfourd was missed at centre half but his deputy though not so polished played a rare good game, as also did the backs, while the goalie was very safe and saved his side on many occasions. Mr. Burkenshaw was in charge of the game.

SOUTH CHINA V. ST. JOSEPH'S.

This game on the Navy ground attracted a huge crowd the local rivalry between these teams being intense. The game started in a blaze of excitement, the Chinese forwards getting quickly into their stride, but St. Joseph's kept their heads and it was not long before Silva and Hyndman were giving the China defence plenty to think about. The Chinese right wing worked down well and an accurate centre by Ko Kin Fan was got away by St. Joseph's backs. Excitement was raised by a hot bombardment of China's goal during which one of the defenders handled. Hyndman drove the ball hard past Lau Hing and St. Joseph's turned over one goal up. The second half was very keenly fought out, the ball travelling from end to end with great pace and Omar and his vis a vis were constantly in the picture for good saves. South China's attacks lacked sting however and the final shooting was weak. A combined movement by St. Joseph's initiated by Silva led to Omar scoring the second goal for the College with a good shot; and St. Joseph's won comfortably to the end. St. Joseph's on the day's play deserved their victory as there was more sting in their attacks; indeed Lau Hing had to be very active and prevent the score being higher, and the backs also played well. The halves could feed with better effect but their tackling was very good and the right wing initiated many promising movements but all the forwards were weak in front of goal and require more steadiness. Omar saved well for St. Joseph's and Urquhart and Zephre shone in the defence while Omar, E. Hyndman and Silva played sterling football in a fast forward line.

Mr. Townsend was in charge of the game.

(Continued on Page 12.)

WHAT THE HANDS TELL.

The size, shape and texture of the hands have been regarded from very distant times as highly indicative of character. From the hands also it is easily possible to form a substantially accurate opinion as to their possessor's health.

For instance cold, clammy hands prove poor blood and defective circulation, and trembling or unsteadiness of the hands is a certain sign of debilitated nerves. Both indicate clearly that the blood lacks richness and those red corpuscles so necessary to feed the overworked nervous system.

If your character as told by your hands interests you, surely the much more reliable evidence the hands give as to your health should not be ignored. For to do so is but to court disaster, and the development of the trouble they indicate into worse stages. For all ailments due to vitiated weak blood and run-down nerves there never has been a remedy so universally successful as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills during over a quarter of a century's popularity have come to be acknowledged as the greatest and surest blood-builders known to medical science.

On the least indication of Anaemia, Debility, Nervous Exhaustion, Lassitude, Indigestion, or lack of tone, get a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and watch the encouraging quick change in your condition. They can be obtained everywhere, and direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai, one bottle for £1.50, 6 bottles for £8, post free.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MORJON Brand APPLES

Direct from
Wenatchee Orchards
JUST ARRIVED

Per
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA
THEY TASTE THE BEST

ASK FOR THE MORJON BRAND
SEE THAT THE YELLOW LABEL
IS ON THE BOX.

On Sale at
LANE CRAWFORD'S
WISEMAN LTD.
AND ALL FIRST CLASS CHINESE
SHOPS.

CONNELL BROS. CO.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that, in consequence of certain public works in progress, that portion of Rutter Street extending from Pound Lane to Hospital Road will be closed from the 26th instant until further notice.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.

This Department will be entirely closed on Thursday the 25th December, 1919 and 1st January, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 26th, 27th and 28th December, 1919 and 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on these dates.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1919

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION.

FOOTBALL FOR FRANCE.

Grand Charity Matches in aid of Hongkong Fund for Devastated France.

Saturday 27th December.

At Happy Valley.

At 2 p.m. Civilians V Services.

At 4 p.m. Scotland V England.

Admission by Ticket, £1.00 each.

J. RALSTON,

Hon. Secretary;

H. K. F. A.

THE
VICTORIA THEATRE

Your last opportunity of seeing

"ALL WRONG"

Featuring
BRYANT WASHBURN

An exhilarating farce
in five parts

TONIGHT

It is a photoplay that will amuse you considerably therefore, don't fail to see it Tonight.

SPECIAL MATINEES

Today, To-morrow and on
Wednesday at 5.15 p.m.

There will be Special Matinees of

"ALL WRONG"

WANTED.

WANTED.—Filipino Orchestra willing to play at dances. For particulars. Apply Guilio J. Jirenez 7 On Hing Terrace 3rd Floor.

LOST.

LOST.—Irish Terrier Dog—Black and white head—white body—answers to the name of Tibby. Finder will be rewarded. Mrs. E. E. Davis. Hongkong Hotel.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Complete with lamp, horn, tools and speedometer, guaranteed in perfect running order. Apply Box No. 295 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

CONSIGNEES.

STRUTHERS & DIXON INC.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE

THE Steamship

"BRAVECOUER."

having arrived from Seattle via ports, on December 23rd, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on December 30th, 1919, by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after December 30th, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.

Agents,
1st floor, Powell's Building,
12, Des Voeux Road, Ctl.,
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

From BOMBAY & SINGAPORE.

The Steamer

"INNAMINCKA"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 27th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

H. M. H. NEMAZEE,

Agent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1919.

TO BE LET.

FOR SALE.—A limited number of copies only of the Complete & Authentic History of the World War Written by Thos. Russell A. M. L. D. Noted Historical & Military Writer. Bound in cloth containing nearly 600 pages about 100 beautiful page illustrations of actual battle scenes. \$5. per copy only. Apply Box 295 c/o Hongkong Telegraph.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office: 6 Des Voeux Road Ctl.

Hankow Branch: Panoff Building.

FOR THE YEAR TO COME

Prudential is important in all things.

This applies to your own finances. The best way of providing for the future, freely, is by

OPENING A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

WITH US.

SYSTEMATICALLY it will grow to THOUSANDS.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

NOVICES COMPETITION

Entries are invited for a Novices Competition (all Weights) to be held on or about the 10th day of January, 1920 to be conducted under the Competition Rules of the National Sporting Club, subject to such variations therein as may be made by the Boxing Committee of the above Association. Weights to be N. S. C. Standard Weights.

Entries will not be accepted from any man who has (a) won any Open Novices Competition, or (b) taken part in any Contest or in any Open Competition other than one for Novices. Entries must be made at or before 12 noon on Friday, December 24th and be addressed to the undersigned.

J. C. WILDIN,
Manager,
Imports & Exports Office,
Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagees
Mr. Geo. P. Lammert has

received instructions to sell by

Public Auction

on

WEDNESDAY

the 24th day of December, 1919

at 3 p.m. at his Sales Rooms

Duddell Street, Victoria,

Hongkong.

The following Leasehold properties situate at Victoria and Kowloon, Hongkong in two Lots

Lot 1 All that piece of ground situate at Victoria registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 346 together with the message thereon No. 15 Mosque Street. Term 999 years from 27th November 1849. Area 1440 square feet. Annual Crown rent \$1.24.

Lot 2 All that piece of ground situate at Kowloon Point registered in the Land Office as Section N. of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 410 together with the message thereon No. 22 Ashley Road, Kowloon Term 75 years from 24th June 1882. Area 1892 1/2 square feet. Proportion of Annual Crown rent \$10.50.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs Johnson Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Ice House St., Hongkong.

Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to

Geo. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

NOTICE.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS.

On and from the 1st January 1920 the price of Gas will be reduced from \$2.80 to \$2.50 per 1000 cubic feet.

"GEORGE CURRY,

Local Secretary,

Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

For Your SAFETY

Watch

your

WATCHMAN,

OUR

Tell-Tale-Clock

sees all, knows all

and never sleeps!

STOCKED BY

J. ULLMANN & CO.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson having resigned the Hon. Secretaryship of this Club the Committee have appointed the Undersigned, to whom all future communications should be addressed.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1919.

Dinner Dances will be held on the following nights during Christmas week—

Christmas Eve, Wednesday,

24th December,

Christmas Night, Thursday,

25th December,

Boxing Night, Friday,

26th December,

and

New Year's Eve, Wednesday,

31st December.

The popular entertainers, The Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, will appear in the above Christmas Dances.

Special Table d'Hôte Menus will be provided in the GRILL ROOM at \$3.50 per head, all in the MAIN DINING ROOM at \$2.50 per head.

Patrons are advised to book early as accommodation is limited. All tables previously engaged and not cancelled by mid-day on the day to which such reservation applies will be charged for, whether occupied or not.

Bookings may be made at the

HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern I Samuel John Clave at present resident at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, hereby give Notice that I have expressly withdrawn all and every authority which my wife Gladys Arelene Clave may have at any time, either expressly or by implication or otherwise, acquired to contract for me or in my name or as my agent or in any way to pledge my credit—I having expressly forbidden her so to do and she being sufficiently supplied with all necessaries—and that I will not be responsible for her debts whensoever or howsoever incurred.

S. J. CLAVE.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

From Melbourne there came on Saturday the N. Y. K. vessel NIKKO MARU with 2,726 tons of shell, malt, flour, milk, wool, tallow and ammonia and 455 tons of flour, soap, leather etc. There was one death from beri-beri on the voyage among the steerage passengers.—Mooring Kowloon pier.

Rice to the extent of 1,100 tons was consigned here yesterday by the KWANGSE from Bangkok.—Mooring C 40.

The HAICHING brought yesterday a cargo of tea from Foo-chow.

Rice was also delivered here by the FAUSANG from Wuhu (2,500 tons) and Kueichow from Haiphong (2,192 tons).—Mooring C 45 and 13.

From Basra the INNAUMIC-KA, chartered by Messrs. H. M. Nemazee and Co., arrived on Saturday with 179 repatriated Chinese under Master Nash. She experienced strong north-east wind and high sea.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The EMPRESS OF RUSSIA arrived at 8 o'clock this morning from Vancouver with 1,500 tons of through and 800 tons of direct cargo. She carried 140 saloon and 70 second-class passengers. She had fine weather throughout.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

The O. S. K. vessel MEXICO MARU brought 2,500 tons of merchandise from Singapore on Saturday.—Mooring Kowloon Wharf.

BROWNLOW

MUSTARD & CO.

STERILIZE



WATER

FILTERS

TEL. NO. 1186

NOTICES.

BUY USEFUL GIFTS

J. ULLMANN & CO.

FRENCH FIRM, ESTABLISHED 1860.

We sell most of our goods on the Sterling basis.

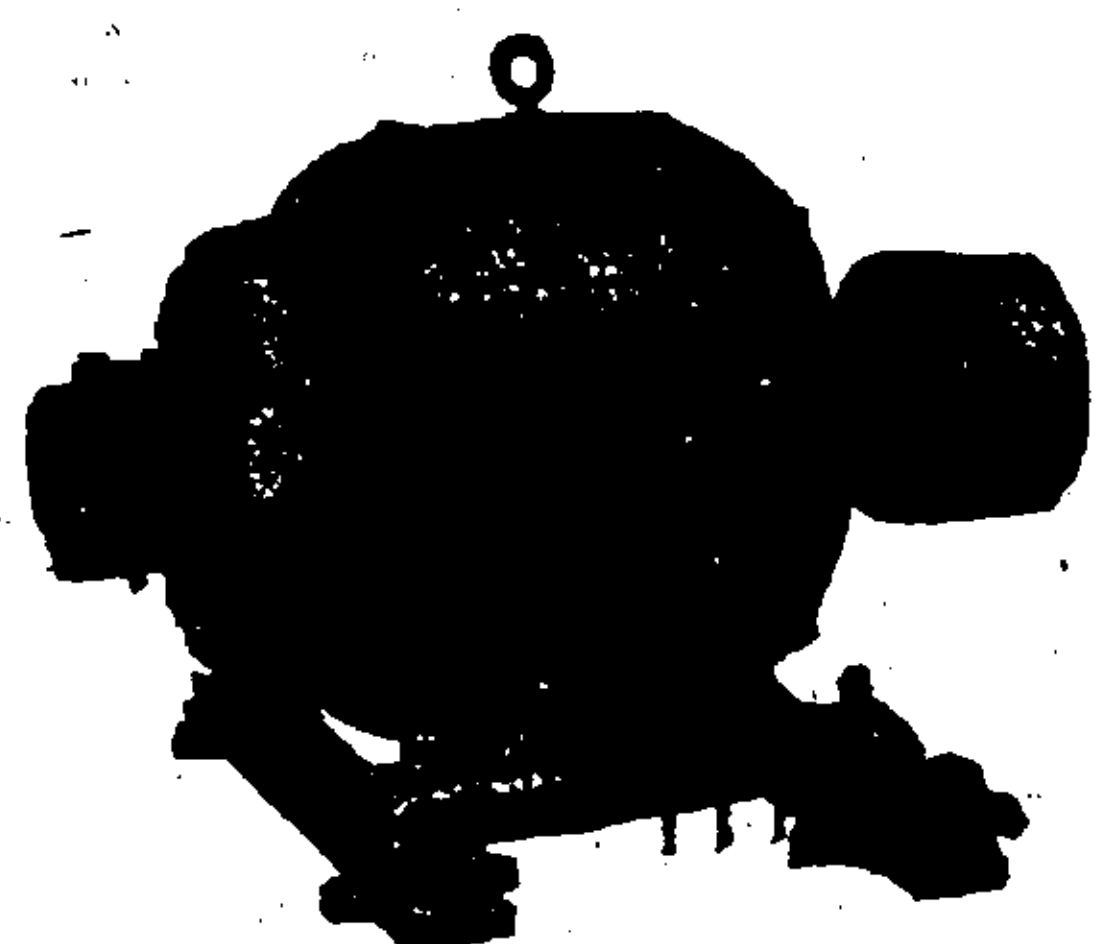
We give to our customers the advantage of the high exchange.

WATCHES--JEWELLERY--DIAMONDS

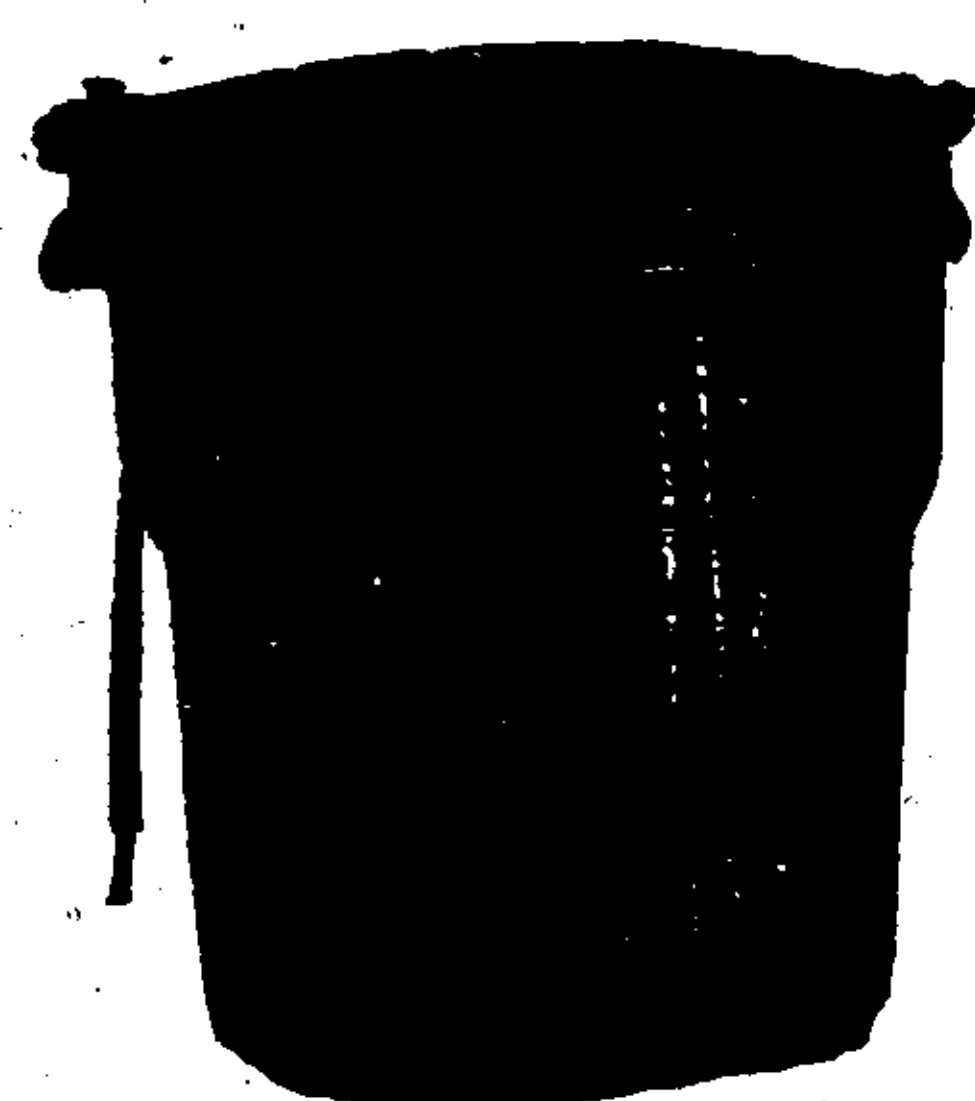
BACCARAT'S FRENCH CUTGLASS & ONLY BACCARAT'S SILVERWARE

POPULAR PRICES

WAGNER ELECTRIC MOTORS & TRANSFORMERS.



B. W. TYPE
2 or 3 PHASE
Wagner Motor



WAGNER ELEC. CO.,
POLE TYPE
Transformer

SOUTH CHINA AGENTS:-
UNION ENGINEERING CO. LTD.
13 CHATER ROAD.

THE SINCERE COMPANY, LTD.

NEW ARRIVALS

Woollen Underwear

Travelling Rugs

Leather & Woollen Gloves

Football Stockings

Mufflers &

Over Coatings.

Tel. Nos. 1967-8.

C.E. WARREN & CO. LTD.

BATHS & SANITARY FITTINGS
WATER HEATERS & BATHROOM FIXTURES
FIRE GRATES & HEATING STOVES
COOKING RANGES IN ALL SIZES
HOT WATER INSTALLATIONS
TILES FOR FLOORS AND WALLS
CAST IRON PIPES.

PREVITIES.

Safety gloves for machinists have been invented, made of chrome leather and sewed with steel wire so that they will not rip.

Excluding the machinery, an average airship is made of 20,000 different parts, a total length of structural material of 20 miles, 60 miles of wire and more than 2,000,000 rivets.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From SAN FRANCISCO
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
& SHANGHAI.

The Steamship

"NIL" E

having arrived, from the above mentioned ports, Consignees of cargo by her, are hereby notified, to send in their Bills of Lading duly endorsed for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo from ship's side.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately and cargo remaining on board on and after Saturday, 20th inst. 1919 at noon, will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense. Cargo undelivered on and after Wednesday, 24th Dec. 1912 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed in the Co's Godown, where it will be examined on Wednesday, 24th Dec. 1919 at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the ship's side, Co's lighters and/or Godown. All claims must be presented within a month from ship's arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

C. H. RITTER,

Agent.

Prince's Building, Ground Floor.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

THE Steamship

HAROLD DOLLAR

having arrived from Vancouver B.C., via ports, on 17th December, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. and stored at consignee's risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, until Monday Dec. 22nd, 1919, when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.15 p.m. December 22nd, 1919.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined, by said Surveyors, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All goods remaining after Dec. 24th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

VICTORIA THEATRE

COMMENCING 24th DECEMBER.



PRESENTS

VIRGINIA PEARSON

WITH

SHELDON LEWIS

IN

"THE BISHOP'S EMERALDS"

AN EXTRA SELECTED STAR PHOTOPLAY
IN 6 ACTS.

THE THESIS:—

Sir Walter Scott's Immortal Couplet.

"O, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE."

THE WRITER:—

Captain Townley, Famous English Novelist.

THE STORY:—

A strongly Dramatic Narrative of High-class English Society Life.

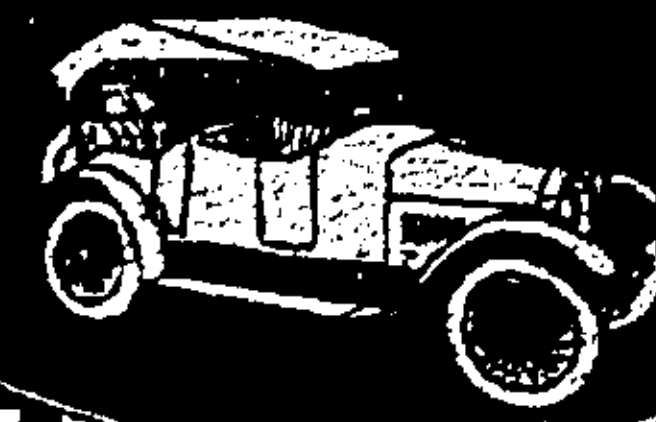
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Alex Has a Unique Description of the Zebra!

BY BLOSSER



THE MERCURY GARAGE CO.



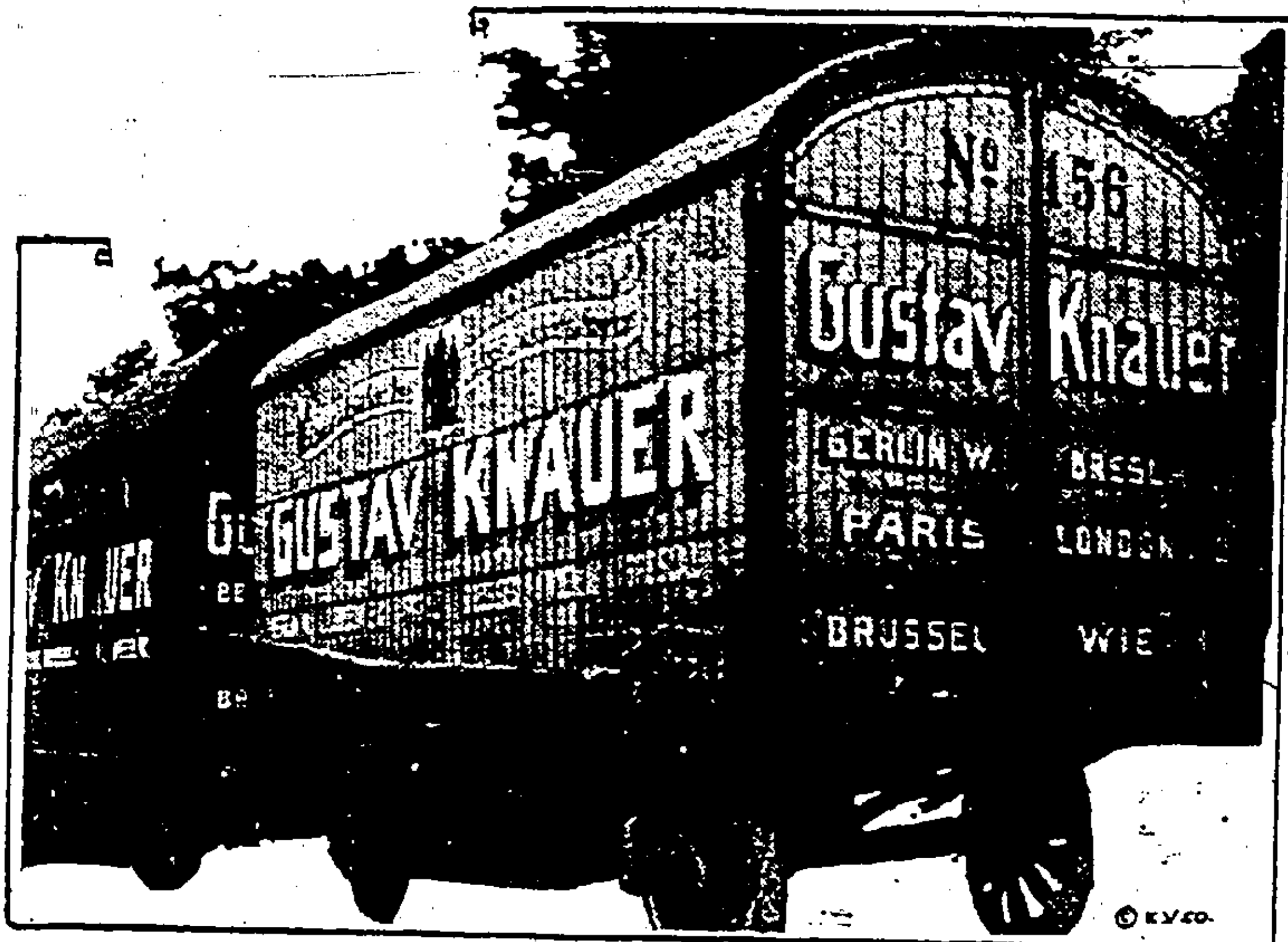
AT YOUR SERVICE
QUALITY

Promptness Moderate Price

Our reputation has been built up on the above three essentials and we are constantly watching for improvement in order to keep up good services to our Patrons.

Add. 50 & 61 Des Voeux Road.
Tel. 221.

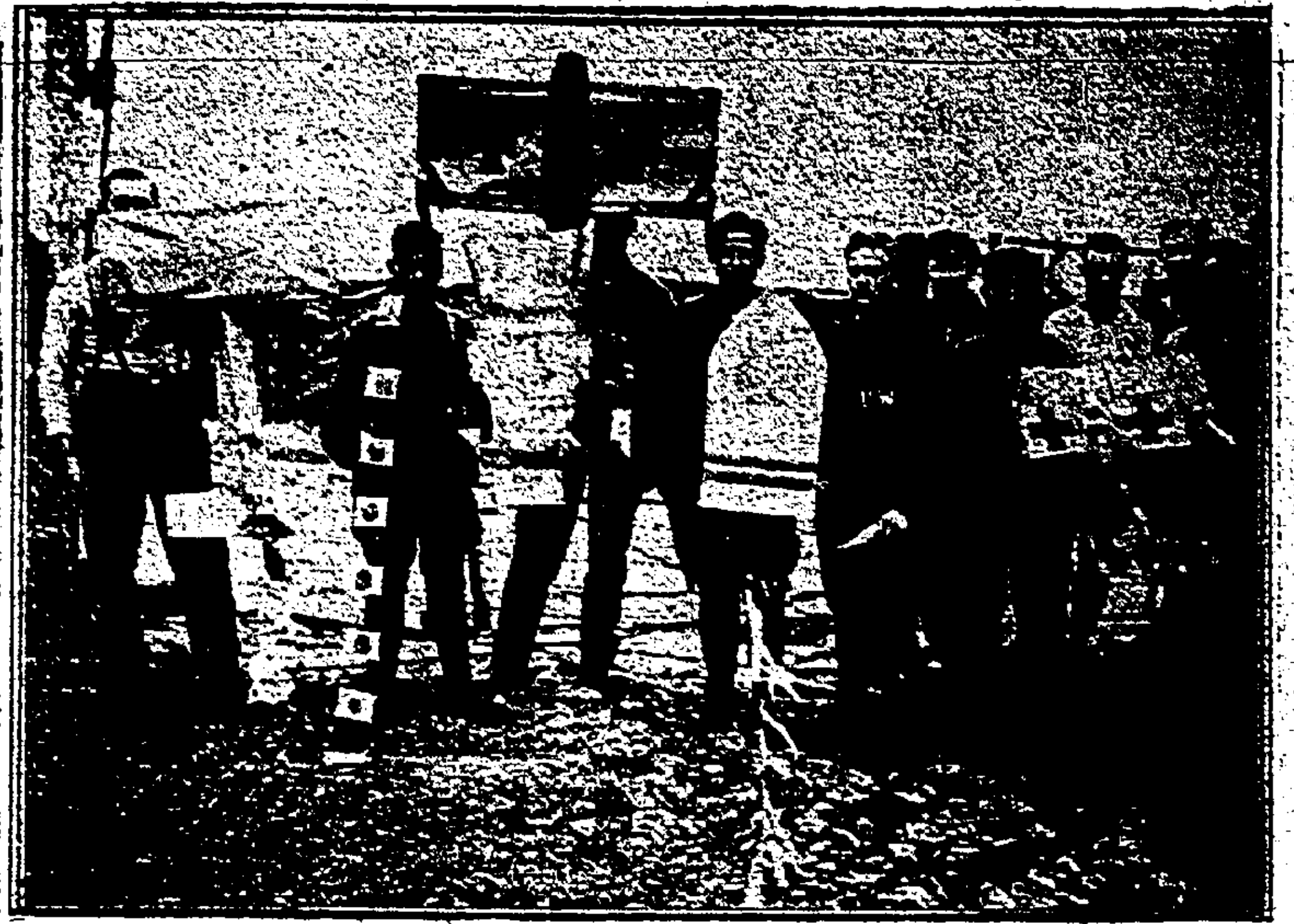
DAILY PICTURE PAGE.



Above is shown two of the vans by which the ex-Kaiser's furniture was removed from Doorn. In all 51 such vans were employed on the task.



Miss Katherine Harding, daughter of the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, who is become the bride of Capt. W.R. Deeble, U.S.N.



German prisoners encamped at Is-sur-Tille. They are displaying a big kite, used to while away the dreary hours.



Photo: Underwood.

Capt. Jane Herveux, the famous French aviatrice, the first woman to receive a pilot's licence. She is carrying her mascot "Toto."



A new and interesting group photo of the royal family of Spain and their guests at the Miramar Palace at San Sebastian. King Alfonso is shown on the top step with his arms folded. Queen Victoria is seated in the next row center. The Prince of Asturias, heir to the throne is seated in front of his mother with his younger brother Prince Jaime to his left. Princess Christina and Princess Beatrice are shown in front row. Prince Gonzalo and Prince Juan are shown seated with their mother, the Queen. Others in the group are Queen Maria Christina, Prince Carlos and Princess de Luisa, Prince Fernando, Prince Gabriele, Duchess de San Carlos, Marquess de Moctezuma, Marquis de Viana and Prince Pio de Saboya.



Photo: Underwood.

Mr. Drinkwater and his wife. An English insurance clerk who has achieved fame and fortune as a poet and playwright.

DOGS OF THE DUFFS

Wilbur Had a Very Good Reason.

BY ALLMAN.



EXTRA.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1919.

CABARET.

SATURDAY'S HAPPY FUNCTION.

The efforts of the community of the Colony to contribute their quota towards the Fund in aid of the devastated regions of France came to a happy conclusion on Saturday, with the Cabaret and Tombola at the Volunteer Headquarters. The large attendance gave expression to the success of the whole programme, and satisfaction can be expressed of the support which the function enjoyed.

The proceedings in the Cabaret commenced at 3 p.m. and soon the matshed was filled with a large number of persons whose enjoyment in the dances was in no small measure due to the smoothness of the dancing floor which was a perfect one in spite of obstructions offered by the bamboo poles which were, however, of small account. Refreshments were provided in the shed, and the Tombola proved to be a money-maker judging from the continual attention it received. The Christmas shopper had the opportunity of making his purchases at the various other stalls which were provided. For children the shute came in at the right time, but, elder people too, we perceived, did not scruple about going in for this form of entertainment, which they enjoyed with as much zest as the kiddies.

The receipts for the fund were also considerably added to by the prizes given gratis by the Portuguese Community for the "Lucky Dip." Little maids in "Chic" French Costumes given by Madame Flint, who paraded the ground carrying trays full of dainty things for sale, did their bit in the cause of France.

The well-known Society entertainers, the Misses Woods, were the chief attractions at the entertainment held at the Headquarters Hall. A stage had been erected and these stars were supported by such well-known amateurs as the Misses Young, Miss Winnie Lawson and Mr. R. A. Green. The Misses Young were especially good in their French National Anthem song and dance, being attired in very pretty costumes given by Madame Flint. Through the courtesy of Pathe Freres, a most enjoyable cinema show was given.

The following is a list of the stall holders.

Everything Else stall.—Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Scott Harston, Mrs. Jordan, Madame de Journal, Midlle Yvonne Lecable, Jeanne Reau, Yvonne Reau, Helga de Journal and L. de Journal.

Everything Stall.—Mrs. Hay, Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. Davidson and Miss Young.

Tombola and Lucky Dip stall.—Mr. E. V. M. R. Sousa, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mrs. E. V. M. R. de Sousa and Misses Sousa, Mrs. J. M. Noronha and Misses Noronha, Mrs. O. Botelho, Mrs. O. Barretto and Misses Loureiro, E. Osmund, Phyllis d'Almeida and A. Alvares, Mrs. D. Carvalho, Mrs. E. J. Noronha, and Misses Olga Roza, A. Lopes and Marie Sousa.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe had charge of the arrangements for the tea, and the following comprised the dance committee.—Messrs Miskin, Layton, Brand and Chatham.

The following are the winners of the Tombola prizes. Pressure on space forbids mention of the donors. The prizes can be obtained from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to-day at the Portuguese Consulate.

Lady's gold wrist watch, No. 1032, Miss Rosebud Young.

One case port wine, No. 707, Lt. Woodhall, H.M.S. Hawkins.

Baccarat punch bowl and plate, No. 1033, M. Reau (French Consul).

Lady's gold wrist watch, No. 303, Mr. U. Rumjahn.

Amethyst and pearl brooch, No. 1132, Eddie (Jo de Souza & Co.).

Pearl and ruby bracelet, No. 556, Mr. A. L. de Sousa, Telegraph Company.

Electric table lamp, No. 1101, San Ping Nam.

Valuria ceiling lamp, No. 1962, M. Kishima, M.B.K.

CATHOLIC UNION CLUB.

There was a happy gathering at the Catholic Union Club on Sunday afternoon, when a Xmas tea, organised by the members of the club, was held. The guests of the afternoon were the poor of the different Catholic Parishes in the colony. Close on 150 people, comprising children from four years old to adults, were treated. The hall was tastefully decorated and the tables were sumptuously laid out.

It was a pleasure to watch the party avail themselves of the many delicacies served out to them, most of which were made specially for the occasion by kind donors. Music was provided by a good number of pianists who took turns. To enhance the homely and welcome feeling waiters were recruited from among the prominent and popular members of the Club who attired themselves in well chosen Chinese garb. His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni presided and gave his blessing to the party. At the conclusion of tea, toys were distributed to the children and cash was given to the adults.

The working committee, chief of whom were Messrs. J. D. Osmund, A. F. Remedios, M. F. Baptista and E. Remedios, deserves credit for the good work done. A vote of thanks was given to those who had so generously contributed towards the expenses.

Oil reception lamp, No. 332, Miss F. Stevenson (Daily Farm Co.).

Three Baccarat scent bottles, No. 1150, J. L. Dowbiggin, Stewart Bros.

Silver wrist watch, No. 1938, H. Kowabi, N.Y.K.

Eight boxes Manila Cigars each, No. 103, Mr. E. Loureiro; No. 10, Leung Yan Po; No. 521, Mr. C. W. van Vessen.

Pair Japanese vases, No. 540, Mr. F. L. Marques.

Framed water colours by Mrs. Basil Taylour, No. 749, Mrs. Hallifax, and No. 23, Leung Yan Po.

Thermax Electric Iron, 741, Mrs. T. B. Drew.

Electric emersion heater, No. 541, P. N. L. Christensen.

Case of motor oil, No. 231, Mr. G. A. Clark.

Oil painting by Mr. d'Aquino, No. 402, Mr. A. Gillard.

Dressed doll, No. 30, C. Silva.

Silver purse, No. 5, M. J. Whitley.

Camera and films, No. 846, Mr. Courtney.

Decorated blotting books by Mrs. Basil Taylour, No. 139, Mr. C. A. C. Rodrigues, and No. 1537, Maria Botelho.

Lacquered vases, No. 452, Mr. J. H. Scott.

Laquer box, No. 510, Mr. F. A. Betts.

Decorated rattan chair by Capt. F. W. Jones, No. 701, Mrs. Basil Taylour.

Dressed doll, No. 341, Mr. J. P. Xavier.

Cameo gold brooches, No. 596, Mr. A. de Lange, and No. 1943, Y. Yasuda, O.S.K.

Needle showers, No. 143, Mr. G. Grimble, and No. 100, Mr. W. D. Kraft.

Four boxes Habana cigars each, No. 815, M. Reau (French Consul), and No. 1301, Mr. Michael Xavier.

Blackwood Chinese Hall Lamp, No. 450, M. Kinross.

Silver bowl, No. 1332, Gonichi.

CLUB DE RECREIO.

"GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE-RACE."

A five-mile walk or run race in connection with the Club de Recreio's Sports Section was held on Sunday. There were twenty-six entries of which sixteen faced the starter. The route was from the Club de Recreio, along Nathan Road, Middle Road, Chatham Road, Kowloon City Road, first turning road to Coronation Road, Nathan Road and finish at the Club de Recreio.

H. Prata, a very promising athlete, ran the race in splendid style, finishing first in the good time of 35 minutes. Paulo Xavier was a very good second, negotiating the distance in 36 minutes, whilst J. Lima, the walking match winner, was third with 38 minutes. J. Ribeiro, a very young and plucky runner, was fourth with 40 minutes.

The prizes were handsome cups of which the first was presented by the Club the second by Mr. J. M. C. Basto, and third by the Club. Besides the awards for individual efforts a team prize consisting of four cups was presented by Mr. E. J. Noronha, to encourage collective work with the result that greater interest was taken by the competitors and the finishes were keen up to the last man.

Team "C" comprising of the following won the team prize:—J. Lima (3), J. Ribeiro (4), E. P. Sousa (5), F. H. Carvalho (8), total count 20. Team B was second with a count of 24 made up of the following:—H. Prata (1), P. Xavier (2), C. E. Marques (10), L. B. Gomes (11).

A goodly number of spectators followed the competitors, including close on fifty cyclists. Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, patron of the section, was seen in his car taking particular interest in the competitors. The officials were as follows:—Judges, E. J. Noronha, Philip Roza, P. O. Roza, V. L. Remedios; referees, P. A. Yvanovich, A. A. Guterres, J. M. J. Lopes.

Silver photo frame, No. 1917, Mark King (Japanese Consulate).

Blackwood stick with silver handle, No. 1343, Alberto d'Alca.

Three porcelain vases, No. 1781, Mr. A. J. M. Weyman.

Chinese embroidered handbag, No. 1115, Wo Fing.

Bronze photo frames, No. 1022, Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva.

Ladies' kid gloves, No. 26, Mr. A. Mackenzie (Standard Oil Co.).

Silver sweet dish, No. 566, Mr. van Ufford.

Black and white porcelain vases, No. 871, Mr. de Journal.

Clock, No. 121, Mrs. Leiria.

Cakes, No. 306, Mr. Craig, and No. 120, E. White.

Soap and sponge holder, No. 236, C. A. Roza.

Pairs briar pipes, No. 1035, Mr. Sinclair, and No. 594, Mr. Zwaig.

Leather pocket wallet, No. 211, Mrs. D. K. Kharas.

Porcelain vases, No. 315, Yeung Kin Ching.

Bay rum and almond cream, No. 1520, Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Damascene sword guard, No. 1073, Mr. Leo d'Almeida.

Flower stand, No. 1316, Mr. Silva Netto.

Perfumery, No. 1723, Mr. J. C. Brown.

Handkerchiefs, No. 202, Mr. G. W. Gegg.

Taffeta blouse length, No. 570, Mr. van Ufford.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ARTIFICIAL GOLD.

Paris, Dec. 16.
The International Conference on artificial gold has met at the French Ministry of Commerce for the study and foundation, probably in Paris, of a neutral organisation for the gathering from all parts of the world of information and data concerning gold storage.—Havas.

AMERICAN TREATY DEBATE.

Washington, Dec. 15.
The statement from the White House has not altered the political situation, but decisive action as regards the Treaty is improbable before the termination of the recess on Jan. 6.

London, Dec. 16.
The Washington correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" cables that the President Wilson's challenge contained in yesterday's White House statement is disquieting. The Republicans are already fearful of embarking on an election with American export trade disorganised owing to the fall of sterling as the result of delay in the ratification of the Treaty. Strong pressure for agreement is being brought on the contending parties.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

ROSS SMITH'S SUGGESTION.

London, Dec. 16.
The "Times" Sydney correspondent cables that Ross Smith suggests the establishment of a commercial air service between England and Australia with sections between London-Cairo-Calcutta-Singapore and Port Darwin. He favours the use of seaplanes from Calcutta.

GIFT TO AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Dec. 14.
The Vickers-Vimy Company has instructed Captain Ross Smith to hand over his aeroplane to the Commonwealth upon his arrival at Melbourne.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH.

Washington, Dec. 14.
President Wilson is able to walk with the assistance of a stick.

AMERICAN COAL STRIKE OVER.

New York, Dec. 14.
Restrictions have been removed and it is expected that all the miners will resume work. The train service was completely restored on the 15th inst.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

London, Dec. 15.
Reuter understands that the British Government considers Litvinoff's proposals for an exchange of war prisoners, altogether unreasonable. The proposals exclude an exchange of officers, demand the release of certain Russians outside British jurisdiction and the handing over of many more Russians than British. The negotiations, however, are proceeding.

754 Col. B. J. Weller, 532 Mr. C. F. Vas, 1518 Sir Robert Ho Tung, 1780 Mr. A. Kinross, 58 Mr. W. C. MacDonnell, 586 Mr. D. K. Moss, 189 Mr. J. J. Fenwick, 607 Mrs. Hay, 440 Mrs. Alvares, 459 Mr. F. A. Perry, 123 Mrs. Arthur Caryalho, 260 Mr. C. J. de Figueiredo and 24 Mr. A. H. Castro.

Baralong pearl necklaces, No. 1579, Mrs. F. Wheeler, 1941 Mr. T. Daigo, 276 Mr. J. M. Leitch, Mose.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE DOWNING STREET CONFERENCE.

London, Dec. 15.
It is the consensus of opinion that the conference at Downing Street, which was the first meeting of the whole body of Allied and associated Powers for a long time, has changed the international atmosphere immensely for the better and brought the settlement of vexatious problems nearer. The salient fact is that the development of events has left the partnership of France and Britain the chief deciding influence in the remaining task of European settlement. It is expected Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau will meet more frequently in the future to decide numerous administrative questions arising after the ratification of peace. The fact that the American Ambassador was present at the conversations with Signor Scialoja is regarded as significant. Scialoja departed for Italy yesterday. It is understood he bears proposals which will probably end the Fiume difficulty. Importance is also attached to the participation of the Japanese Ambassador at the conference regarding Russia, whereabout the "Daily Telegraph" declares there is no change in the Allied policy as a result of the conference. The "Daily Mail" says the fate of Turkey is settled and an announcement on the subject may be expected forthwith. According to the "Daily Chronicle" and the "Daily Telegraph" the suggestion that the Allies are willing to accept certain of the American Senate's reservations is unfounded.

Paris, Dec. 15.
The French papers are quite satisfied with the results of the Allied Conference at London, stating that the closest concord exist between Great Britain and France, who have decided to work upon common lines for the pacification of Russia and Turkey. The German hope of a rift in the Entente is completely falsified. The French papers state an alliance of English coal and French iron would soon make France rise, also the pound sterling. Special emphasis is paid to Marshal Foch, who will continue at the head of the Inter-Allied military organisation. Concerning America French papers state that Pres. Wilson recently consulted the Allied Governments regarding the reservations they would be prepared to accept. Senator Lodge has faithfully kept M. Clemenceau informed of the situation in Washington, therefore the London Conference indicates the forthcoming ratification of the Treaty by America.

Paris, Dec. 16.
The result of the meetings in London is regarded in Paris circles as highly satisfactory. Apart from the Adriatic, Turkish, and Russian questions, the subject of Anglo-French economic co-operation as the outstanding feature of the conference was proof of the closeness of the bonds uniting France and Great Britain and the solidarity and readiness to co-operate concerning special French-British problems and the unsolved issues arising out of the peace settlement for which the chief burden of responsibility now devolves upon the French and British Governments. M. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction, had a long interview with M. Klotz, Minister for Finance, in connection with the negotiations for the French loan to be placed in London with a view to stabilising the exchange rate of France on the English market.—Havas.

London, Dec. 16.
The "Morning Post," discussing the result of the Downing Street Conference, says closer co-operation between Britain and France has been secured. The relations of the two countries might really now be described as an Alliance, though it is improbable the agreement will be so described officially. It is reported in Paris that the French loan to be floated in England will be £300,000,000. The "Morning Post" says financial circles do not believe the flotation of French Government loans in England is imminent, owing to the depreciation of sterling, which is largely due to France buying dollars through London.

Mr. Lloyd George is shortly to visit Paris to resume the London negotiations.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George stated the Allied Conference at London last week discussed the peace with Turkey and Hungary and the situation in the Adriatic. Arrangements for future sittings of the Peace Conference and ratification and execution of the Treaties have already been concluded, also the economic and financial situation whereabout in order to remedy the fall of exchange Britain has agreed to issue a French loan in England. The Conference also fully considered the Russian situation and the decision thereabout completely accorded with the policy already announced in the House of Commons. The Allies were completely agreed on all questions and decided to resume the Conference soon in order to formulate proposals for the Turkish Treaty and finally dispose of difficulties arising out of the situation in the Adriatic.

REVICTUALLING OF AUSTRIA.

Paris, Dec. 16.
The Supreme Council, after hearing Herr Renner, decided to permit the immediate despatch to Austria of thirty thousand tons of foodstuffs lying in Trieste. It was also decided that United States financial assistance was indispensable to facilitate the revictualling of Austria.

The "Temps" learns that the Supreme Council also decided to make certain Austrian assets available, in order to permit Austria to obtain credits, and permission was granted to mortgage the tobacco monopoly. This assures revictualling until 30th April, after which it will be necessary to arrange for Austrian credits of eight hundred million francs.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the French Government favours an immediate and favourable response to Herr Renner's appeal.

Herr Renner has informed Reuter that he is gratified by his reception at the Peace Conference. He added that his Government was determined to loyally carry out the Treaty, but must be given the wherewithal to work. The long delay in executing the Treaty was ruining Austria, which had ceased to think of union with Germany and had placed herself entirely in the hands of the Allies. "We offer to exchange help, a monopoly of tobacco, development of exploitation of our immense resources and waterpower which could furnish a sort of power station for the whole of Central Europe." He concluded that the question was not a political but a business one.

MEXICAN BANDITS BUSY.

Eagle Passe, Dec. 14.
Villa's raiders have captured and hold for ransom two Americans and eight Mexicans of the Muzquiz Ranch, Mexico.

CHALLENGE TO U. S. YARSHITES.

New York, Dec. 16.
Oxford and Cambridge have challenged Harvard and Yale to an athletic contest next July.